

Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

January 2, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. H. E. Siddall, Chairman  
Western Clergy Bureau  
Room 210 Union Station  
516 West Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago 6, Ill.

My dear Mr. Siddall:

The Rev. Bert J. Bingle of College, Alaska is a regularly ordained Presbyterian minister working under the Unit of Work in Alaska of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. We believe that he is entitled to a clergy book for the year 1946 and we would appreciate your courtesy in issuing such a book to him.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Enc.: Filled in Western Clergy Blank  
" \$2.- in currency



Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

January 3, 1946

Eastern Clergy Bureau  
143 Liberty Street  
New York 6, New York

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Unit of Work in Alaska

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January 3, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Bert J. Bingle  
Box 1027  
College, Alaska

Dear Bert:

We have received your applications for 1946 Eastern and Western clergy books and are forwarding these to the two offices. We hope the books will reach you in good time.

We are including the additional \$200. made available for your garage. Our Treasury Department objected to giving us this check because we do not have a full accounting on the \$300. advanced. However, we persuaded them that the full accounting would come in time and this can be added to the former amount. We shall depend upon you to support our promise for you on this.

We have contacted Dr. Thorne's office in regard to a 16mm sound projector. He says they are under production and will be available some time early this year. None have been delivered yet and he has no assurance how early delivery can be secured but is willing to put in your application for one. Meanwhile, you can tell us whether you will use AC or DC current and what the voltage will be on the average. It might be possible to get one which will use either current but we should know the voltage. If you have any other directions about it let us have them before the application is made for delivery. We are still trusting that the War Service Unit is going to pay for this. They agreed to it a year ago but circumstances may have altered their purchase of it now. We shall confer with them about it.

In your letter you spoke of coming out to the States for your furlough period in school, returning for your Easter services, and then coming back again for General Assembly. As you plan for this program let us remind you of the item in the Conditions of Service in Alaska that we ask Presbytery to cooperate with the Board in electing missionaries to the Assembly when furloughs are due so that we may be as economical as possible on travel. We have been expecting that your election to General Assembly would pay for your transportation to the States and back while we would bear the expenses of your wife and "minor children". We shall not have enough money to pay the expenses of all of you for the full period.



January 3, 1946

You have indicated in your letter that James does not want to come at the time you would come for school. What about your wife and Vella? Under the rules of the Board there would be a question about our paying the transportation for Vella but your wife, of course, would be included under the furlough provision.

Our proposal would be for you to come out for your furlough period and go to school, include General Assembly at the end of the period, and then return to your job for the summer. This would give us the advantage of your transportation to General Assembly and help us bear the expense of the whole trip. We are conscious of the fact that this leaves your work without ministry over the Easter period which is regrettable. You should be on the job at that time but is your presence worth the round trip between the States and Fairbanks? It is too bad that we do not have a man for Whittier who could take your work while you were out and then settle down at Whittier. The Board has approved this project and we are searching for a man but no man is available yet.

We realize this is a severe problem to you because of your absence from your work and the fact that the family may not be able to do the whole thing together. You may have to make a break in the family for a few months which we trust will not be too hard.

The information which we have indicates that there will be no pipe line between Barrow and Fairbanks. However, one cannot tell what may develop in Alaska. We are fairly certain that the Alaska Highway is going to be maintained in the future. There may be a number of rapid developments in Alaska this summer.

Sorry that you have had trouble with your cess pool. It will have to be cleaned out and repaired. We shall try to help you with that expense.

From your letter of December 15th in regard to your need for the garage it would seem that you have used material from the garage on the basement walls of the house. According to strict accounting this should not be done but accounting does not take into consideration the emergencies which may happen in your basement. We shall depend upon you to make as good a division as you can and give us a full report on it.

In an earlier letter you asked about additional funds for use on the manse. We have \$104.88 remaining in our last grant for work on the house. This is available when you call for it. Your letter also indicates that



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you have not sent us all of the bills covering the purchases which you have already made but this may be involved in your need of settlement with the lumber company.

Harry has said nothing to me about using Victor in our work so that I have no further information than what you have given me. Rather than get a man from another denomination up there, we have been trying to find an ordained man who is Presbyterian trained for Whittier and the regions north of there. We hope something may turn up in this field this Spring.

So far as I can discover this answers all of the questions which you had in your recent letters. We are behind in the correspondence over the Christmas Season but will try to catch up on all matters which we have left unanswered.

Cordial greetings to you and yours, and best wishes for a great New Year!

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Enc. CK. 47198-4200.-



*Bingle Folder*  
War Service Unit  
Dr. J. Earl Jackman

January 8, 1946

About a year ago Mr. Roberts and I discussed the possibility of the War Service Unit providing a 16mm sound projector for our civilian chaplain along the Alaska Highway and the Alaska Railroad. At that time Mr. Roberts agreed that the War Service Unit would purchase it but no machine was available.

Mr. Bingle has been trying to get one in Anchorage, Alaska but this has failed. We are now turning to Dr. Thorne and he tells us it might be possible to get one early this year. We are asking for specifications concerning the current and voltage with which it will be used. Meanwhile, can we still expect War Service Unit to pay for this equipment.

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J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

Dictated but not signed  
by Dr. Jackman

*CC War Service Unit Folder*





# Alaska Highway



College, Alaska  
Jan. 11, 1946

Dr. J. E. Jackman, Sec.  
Alaska Work and S.S. Missions  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York, 10, N.Y.

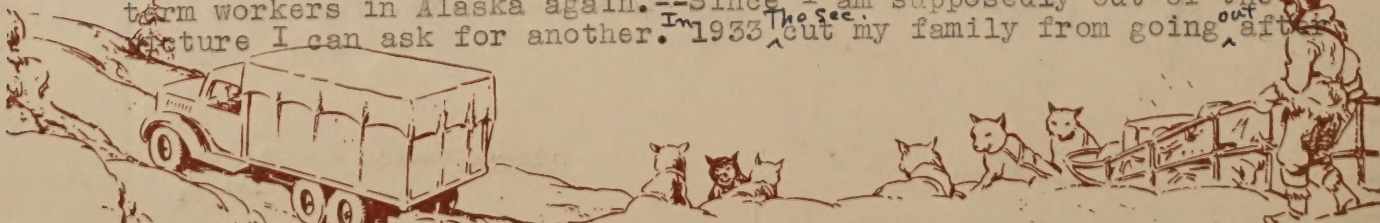
My dear Dr. Jackman:

I received your letter of Jan. 3rd. I hasten to reply. The Clergy blanks are here, thanks to your help and paying the bill. I did not have the money order enclosed. Enclosed find a check to cover the same plus an exchange tax.

It will not be necessary to consider more about our going out for furlough any time this Winter. In the first place I would not have the money to make two trips. Second I would not leave my work at Easter time, (I never have), except it be adequately cared for. People and future work for the church is at stake. In the third place I will be needed in the month of Apr. particularly to get final plans in shape for our assembly hall to be built at King's Lake Camp. We are raising the money here in Alaska, if we can, for the proposed building. We had a condition develop where the ranch about the lake was being sold and for fear the future of the project would be jeopardized a group of good Anchorage folks bought the ranch and are giving it to the camp. Final papers should be ready by two weeks.

You may wonder why I wish to go out to school, and one must go when school is on. - Reason: getting as upset as a Jew playing the stockmarket and it's losing. The fingers do not track on the typewriter and I am getting to look crosseyed at the family. Also need again a Bible refresher and somethings on singing. It has been on my mind too that I should go to Mayo's or some similar place for a check-up. The last and first is hard for me to admit.

When you get here in Apr., if no meeting in a group, I would like to point to two places in our terms of work where improvements should be had. First is in regards to children of missionaries going to College. If they are 18 years and have no help financially from the Board for Transportation the condition will make the missionary terminate his labors up here before the child gets 18 years of age. You know I have always argued for long term missionaries. Such should be given on a percentage of years since the last furlough till 18. The second is regarding the pastor of the self-supporting church. If his wife and family do not get out for furlough then that makes for short term workers in Alaska again. - Since I am supposedly out of the picture I can ask for another. <sup>In the Sec.</sup> 1933 <sup>out</sup> but my family from going <sup>out</sup> after







# Alaska Highway



they had been in the territory for 5 years. No funds were given as the reason. The principle was in force up till that time and was in the years following. I had to pay ~~their~~<sup>my</sup> way, have not gotten over it financially or in disposition since. Supposing a hypothetical case of a child going to school a few months before 18 years and one a few months after 18 years, ~~the~~<sup>this</sup> one getting all the way paid and ~~the~~<sup>my</sup> other getting no help, <sup>^</sup>makes for discrimination. As far as the pastor's wife is concerned, the fact that one did not get to go only last year, only reinforces what I am trying to say.

I am enclosing a few clippings for your information regarding the happenings of the North. You will be interested. -- Regarding the oil development I would say that If and When oil is found the line would go from Umiat (175 miles this side of Barrow) to Fairbanks. The Alaska R.R. is ~~putting~~<sup>planning</sup> on a big program to fix the grade.

I hope you can have a few hours to go out a little way on the Highway when you get here. You would enjoy getting as far as TanaCross.

We had a very good Presbytery.

Rev. B. J. Bingle





Rec'd 1/15/46

College, Alaska  
Jan. 11, 1946.

To the Accounting office of  
Board of National Missions  
Presbyterian Church U. S.A.  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York, 10- N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is an account of the funds received from your office for a garage <sup>to be</sup> located on the church Boards property which is situated near College, Alaska. It was impossible to get you this accounting sooner as material shortages and time for building did not allow sooner completion. In fact it is not yet completed and a final accounting will have to be made later. Lumber shortages due to war and strike made us alter plans considerably. These alterations I took up with the Chairman of our Presbytery National Missions Comm. before hand. The following is the account:

Rec'd Aug. 21st 1945	from N. Y. office	-----	\$300.00	#32434
,, Jan. 7th 1946	,, , , ,	-----	200.00	#47198
			<u>\$500.00</u>	

Expended from funds allowed:-

1. Foundation and other building materials including floor and end for entrance of quanset	\$115.00	} noted on vouchers
2. Quanset Hut from Morrison Knudsen Co. -Walter Downing Agt.	150.00	
3. Hauling from 26Mi. Camp by -Lancaster, Duffy and Lundeen	100.00	
4. Tractor work on grounds to place garage and placing putting quansit in place for garage -Sourdough Express	57.50	
	<u>\$422.50</u>	

Amount left in Bank account for garage doors and hardware etc.	\$77.50
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It is understood that as soon as weather permits the doors, including the end to be placed on quanset, to be installed it will be done. It is too much subzero now. If there are funds left over they shall be returned at that time. Time allowed for the same Apr. 15th. Since no funds were allowed for labor and it is necessary for me to do this work myself, it will take this long to be accomplished.

Respectfully,

Rev. B. J. Bingle



January 29, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Bert J. Bingle  
Box 1027  
College, Alaska

Dear Bert:

Thanks for your very frank letter of January 11th. What you state, we recognize as problems in our ministry in Alaska and we are working toward a solution of those problems.

First, let us outline the procedure concerning your furlough provision. Under the Conditions of Service in Alaska, the Board has underwritten a four months furlough for you. Presbytery has been asked to cooperate with the Board in electing commissioners at the time of furlough so that the expense will be shared. Therefore, we would expect the General Assembly to pay your travel expense to Atlantic City and back to Fairbanks. The Board would expect to pay the travel expense for Mrs. Bingle and your "dependent" children to your home or hers, which ever is nearer Alaska. In your case, we would presume it would be Ohio. This would certainly include James. If Vella is "dependent" upon her parents or intends to stay out for College she would be included. If she is self-supporting and would not go to College in the States, she would not be included. The "Conditions" specify rail and boat by the shortest route using every available means of keeping the cost down (clergy rates, etc). I do not know what the cost will be. Our budget is tight but this promise has been made and we shall find the money somewhere. It would be expected also that we would pay your full salary during the four months absence from the field.

There are two other difficulties: Replacements are still hard to find. In light of our dearth of missionary ministers, I consider Alaska is very fortunate to have as much personnel as we have. I wish we had someone ready to take over your work while you will be away. At present we do not have.

The third difficulty is a summer program which will be most helpful to you. The accelerated program is being dropped from our seminaries this summer so it will be hard to find a place for two months' study.



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The Rev. Bert J. Bingle

January 29, 1946

If you will state where you would like to go and what you would like to do, we shall try to investigate arrangements and do our best to help you. As a last resort, we might get you in on a couple of summer conferences for ministers but we would try to do better than that.

The matter of college education for children is a problem. Our Board never has had any provision for children but we are hoping to do something about that soon. Some of our Presbyterian colleges have special scholarships for worthy children of missionaries and ministers. Ministers down here on small salaries somehow get their children through. Usually it means the young people themselves have to do some work along with college subjects. If you are inquiring for Vella now, tell us what you want and where. We shall be glad to intercede for you before you come down. If it is for James, we have more time. If for Vella send us her credits and rating so we can present them to a college you may suggest. Colleges are beginning to reject civilians because so many G.I.s are flocking in.

On the question of the minister in the self-supporting church, the Board has no legal obligation for transportation but we do recognize a moral responsibility to help where help is needed. We shared with the Church a year ago last summer and offered to share with the Church last summer. The case last summer was a combination of circumstances and we have agreed to share with the church when arrangements can be made for the trip out although it will cost more then because it may not be in connection with the meeting of the General Assembly.

To put all these things in a nutshell, we know that our Alaskan ministry has not had the support it deserves. However, definite progress has been made in the last two years and we expect to do more as the Board will agree and provide the resources.

Thanks for the clippings. We appreciate the way you are trying to keep us informed. You may be interested to know that I am the Chairman of the Alaska Committee of the Home Missions Council for the coming year.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

Dictated through letter  
from Dr. Jackman on field  
but signed in his absence.



Dr. J.E. Jackman, Sec.  
Alaska United S.S. Missions  
Board of Nat. Missions  
156 Fifth Ave -  
New York - 10119.

Alaska no/wa letter - War Time Service Work  
- Alaska highway and the Alaska Railroad.

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The holiday season is over, we enjoyed it very much. Services were held for two hundred and fifty miles down the Alaska Railroad and three hundred and fifty miles down the highway. Our Cathedral slides on the Christmas theme ~~to be~~ were surely good.

A recent trip down the highway 500 miles was very much enjoyed by myself and those attending the respective services. Rev. Armstrong of Anchorage was along. Used the Prodigal Son slides for our Bible study.

New recruits are coming into the small posts along the highway. They seem to be young men of good quality. Men from Tex., Okla., and Calif. care for the gas line that runs between Skagway and Fairbanks. Groups of M.P.s are at the other now vacant posts. Many enjoyable hours are spent occasionally at these respective stations.

The civilian camps along the highway are small but important. At these camps men care for the respective ~~air~~ airfields over which our much air traffic passes. Remember to go from place to place up here we must go by air much of the time. Many of these men and women are technically trained, many are very good church folk. There are also civilian camps where the peoples live that care for the highway, keeping it open all the year around. And they keep it open! The road is a good road inspite of the dirty crack against it by the Christian Century and the other periodicals.

Along the railroad you will find the folk who run the trains or keep the roadbed or equipment in such condition that the trains can run. They are also good people and their response to the church services is very encouraging. Children live in all these camps and it is a treat to them by the church's coming.

Recently at Tanacross of the highway we held a joint fellowship and religious festival for folks along the road. 13 came from Delta 100 miles away. The temperature was 20 below zero. Dinner preceded the afternoon worship, supper came after vesper. It was thought its value would prompt us to have a repetition in the Delta area not too long from now.

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As a family we are all well and busy. It is our time to go for furlough this year. I am also to represent the Presbytery at the General Assembly meeting at Atlantic City N.J. in May. How long or much of the four months furlough we will take is only a guess. We are denied our furlough opportunities up here most of the time because of too much work. I have never taken my 4 months in these 18 years. We need a steady substitute for our men, we dare not leave our work.

Love and best wishes to you all from each respective one of the Bingle family.

A borrowed typewriter & a poor light is something like working on a strange stove pipe - a test to your theology! --- Had a good Relig. Conference as stated above. As he can repeat, - Going down the R.R. in the morning should have more work there in the summer. Best wishes - B. J. Bingle - Moose steak on Sukker tonight!



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Love and best wishes to you all from each respective ones of the Bingle family.



B. G. Bingle  
College Alaska

How about Vella to S.J.S.



Dr. A. E. Jackman V





CURRY, ALASKA

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Feb. 6 - '46

Dr. J. P. Jackman, Sec.,  
Alaska Unit of S. S. Missions  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York - 10 - N. Y.

My dear Dr. Jackman:

Just came from Anchorage  
and everything is centered  
in that about the disaster  
of the Steamship Yukon  
that has served our waters  
for 30 years. - It seems  
a wind of 50 miles per hr.  
& blinding snow drove



her off her course right  
out of Seward and she  
went head on a high  
rock next to a mt. one  
mile high - After 24 hrs.  
the ship broke in two parts  
the front part still hanging  
on the rock. Nearly the 500  
folk aboard was by this time  
on the front half. 50 ft.  
waves covered the boat  
people & rock at regular  
intervals. The people did  
not dare to go aside of  
cabins for fear of being  
trapped 20 hours after

how they were submerged  
in those regular interval  
waves. After 30 hours  
71 were taken off only -  
even with 8 ships close  
by. They just did not  
dare take them with the  
sea that fierce next to  
those rocks - They piled  
up at midnight on  
Sunday - This is Wed.  
morning & we hope to  
pray they are all off  
by this time but there  
could be doubts. - This  
is about 20 miles out Seward.



Relative to a projector.

The man in Anchorage can get  
delivery on a Bell-Howell in  
10 days + or - and the cost is

\$350.00 plus transportation. If  
Armstrong & Champlin's churches  
each take one also he will absorb  
the transportation cost. I told him

I would communicate with you. I  
can see no reason why I should  
again charge your office  
locating a projector for me. I did  
that 2 yrs ago & rec'd no projector.  
Unless you know why I should  
order from Anchorage - I will look  
to you to continue the order from  
N.Y. - Let me know on return  
mail.

Sincerely, Rev. B. J. Bingle



Miss Vint

Unit of Work in Alaska - Miss Koerner

February 8, 1946

receipted

We are attaching bills which have been received from The Rev. Bert J. Bingle, College, Alaska to explain how he expended part of the \$500.- advance to him by voucher #32434 for \$300. and #47198 for \$200. for purchase and material, etc. for garage. These bills total \$422.50 and he has a balance of \$77.50 in the bank for garage doors and hardware, etc. When these bills come through we shall pass them on to your office for filing purposes.

	Unit of Work in Alaska	
FK	per	
receipted		
Att: Bills (4)	- 8/21/45	from Edward H. Hock for materials.....\$115.-
	12/11/45	" W.E. Downing for purchase of Quonset hut..... 150.-
	12/19/45	" Sourdough Express for carting hut etc. 57.50
	1/3/46	" Mrs. Duffy for hauling.....100.00
		<u>\$422.50</u>





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# Alaska Highway



College, Alaska  
Feb. 14, 1946.

Dr. J. E. Jackman, Sec.  
Alaska Unit and S.S. Missions  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N. Y.

*Y. E. Jackman*

My dear Dr. Jackman:

Your letter of Jan. 29th I will try to answer with as few words as possible. I cannot tell about Vella going to school yet, I wish I knew. If we lived outside I am sure she would be there now, but to get her to leave home- well she sticks like household cement. In a way like that, but I wish I could get her to go to college. --If she goes I presume she will go where we know some people and she does as well. It is North Central, west of Chicago 28 miles on the Burlington. It is an Evangelical Church School. She can get a reduction in tuition there. The only other school I think I might get her interested in might be our church school at Spokane, Wash. She expects to go out with us, - we just cannot leave her up here while we go out. If she stays for college then I shall communicate with you further on the subject. She simply will not have funds to pay her way out and go to school too.

The next item is regarding our fare. the following is the estimate of expenses:

1. by rail and boat:-

Fairbanks to Seward	-----	\$32.43
Seward to Seattle(boat)	-----	97.00 lower deck - in the hallow of the ship, upper deck -\$107.50
Seattle to Ohio, as near as I can figure from old records, which includes sleeper to Chicago about	100.00	. This all totals \$229.43.

(this does not include any hotel stoppages or meals which must be had at Anchorage and Seward, or Seattle which is bound to come. The time consumed to go this way will be two and one half to three weeks.)

11. by the Alcan Highway

Fairbanks to Whitehorse	-----	\$36.80	
Whitehorse to Dawson Creek		41.75	
Dawson Creek to Edmonton		16.20	plus pullman
Edmonton to Fremont Ohio	---	80.00	inc. pullman to Chicago.
Stops enroute to Dawson Creek from Fbks	22.50		5 stops in all
	\$197.25		one stop and eats enroute at least \$10.00 more.

Since the bus to Dawson Creek from Whitehorse is a poor conveyance I think the following would be a very good substitute.

111. via bus, plane, and rail:

Fairbanks to Whitehorse	-----	\$36.80	bus
Whitehorse to Edmonton	-----	88.85	airplane
Edmonton to Fremont, Ohio	-----	80.00	train
one night stop and meals	-----	10.00	
		\$215.65	







# Alaska Highway



The first itemized account is out of the question financially. It is the highest for you and the cost to me would be too much. Also the time involved would be, so I would be spending most of my time on the road, or so much of it that should be spent on getting things that would help me with my work. The second itemized account, which is the lowest, includes a bus for 917 miles that is ancient and hard to ride. It would be unjust to a woman to ask her to ride that far on such cushions and springs. Also there is a time element of 4 extra days. This last is not so bad, but the bus is impossible.

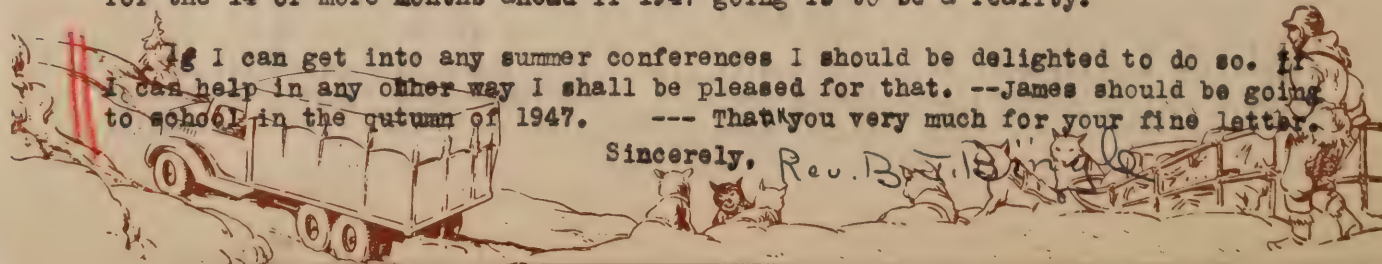
The third item is my suggestion. If the meals and one stop enroute is omitted from the expense account we would have an account for transportation alone, which includes a lower birth rate from Edmonton to Chicago, for a total of \$205.00 per person one way. The return would be the same or a total of \$410.00 per person-2 two persons or \$820.00 in all) This then is less than No.1 namely boat and rail, by some quantity of dollars- straight transportation. ( I computed the amounts from the statement of the Northern Pacific folder including the 15% tax that was added since the folder came out.) I could be wrong a few dollars on the tax but not more than ten I believe.

If the third itemized account is alright with the Board it is alright with us here. You will not need to pay the return till we give you notice so you can have use of the funds as long as possible. If we can figure a way more reasonable we shall be pleased to have the item lowered in any way we can lower it.

At present we plan to leave here sometime around the 27th of Apr. The family hope to return sometime in Aug. If conditions here are what I think they will be I should not remain out over two months. That can be determined later. I hope to be able to see you personally when you come to Alaska so we can talk over program and future plans for the work. Much now is in the state of flux but I feel that we are now doing as little as we ever will be doing from now on. The two airbases of Northway and Tanacross are up for improvement with enlarged equipment and personnel. The Delta airfield the army still retains and there is quite a compliment of folk there. The oil line and telephone line will be retained. There are many places where no one goes that I have never been able to get to, that deals with airports. The R.R. will demand more of my time, or should. That I am reaching only in part up to the present. Train schedules are poor and that lets me get to too small a number of places. If I stay no longer than 2 months I would like to hold that possibility of my going to school in the Autumn term of 1947. That I presume I would have to pay in total as far as expense but I would want to keep on the payroll for the occasion. -- I still need to go to school, only now I need it so much.-- However the summer will give me a good stimulus for the 14 or more months ahead if 1947 going is to be a reality.

If I can get into any summer conferences I should be delighted to do so. If I can help in any other way I shall be pleased for that. --James should be going to school in the autumn of 1947. --- Thank you very much for your fine letter.

Sincerely, Rev. B. B. B.





*Handwritten:* Bingle Folder

Memorandum February 21, 1946  
To - - The Rev. Mr. Foster, Jr. and Miss Doris Brunell  
From - Unit of Work in Alaska  
Re: - Bill for 2/3 of Salary and Expenses for the Rev. Bert J. Bingle  
less 2/3/ Field Receipts for Sept. through Dec. 1945 and Jan. through  
February 1946.

Salary - Sept. 1945	- \$200.-	
Oct. "	- 200.-	
Nov. "	- 200.-	
Dec. "	- 200.-	
Jan. 1946	- 200.-	
Feb. "	- <u>200.-</u>	Total salary \$1200.- - 2/3/ - \$ 800.-

Expense- Sept. 1945	- \$108.65	
Oct. "	- 195.50	
Nov. "	- 187.75	
Dec. "	- 115.85	
Jan. "	- 163.20	
Feb. "	- <u>131.63</u>	Total expenses \$902.58 -2/3 - \$ 601.72

2/3 Total Salary & Expenses - \$1401.72

Field Receipts:

Sept. 1945	- \$ 78.25	
Oct. "	- 134.50	
Nov. "	- 163.85	
Dec. "	- 96.05	
Jan. 1946	- 163.20	
Feb. "	- <u>44.70</u>	Total Fd. Receipts \$680.55 -
		Less 2/3 Fd. Receipts total - <u>53.70</u>
		\$ 948.02

This \$948.02 is to be charged to the WAR SERVICE UNIT and credited to the Unit of Work in Alaska, B.J.BINGLE, S.O.B.-S.I.C. CH/B ACCOUNT.

Unit of Work in Alaska  
per

FK

*Handwritten:* noted P.D.C.



February 28, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Bert J. Bingle  
Box 1027  
College, Alaska

Dear Bert:

In response to your letter of February 11th in regard to the expense of your trip out, it would be my suggestion for you to choose the cheapest way with reasonable comfort for all of you. The Board does not ask you to bring your wife out on a tail-gate. Since she has shared in your ministry in Alaska certainly she ought to share in a moderate degree of comfort on her trip out. However you decide it, I know the cost is going to be high but we will face it together. According to the figures which you have sent me it would look as though we ought to send you a check for about \$600. around the middle of April to take care of the transportation on the way out. Let me know if this would seem sufficient to get you from Fairbanks to Fremont, Ohio. Meanwhile, I hope to have seen you before that time but I want to make arrangements at the office so it can be taken care of as needed.

What about Vella going to the Sheldon Jackson Jr. College in Sitka? It is a biracial school now and while the student body for the Jr. College is not large yet she could get the first two years of her college training there. If that does not suit how about trying Whitworth College in Spokane? I am sure it would be possible for us to get a scholarship there for her. If you think the school near Chicago is best, we shall be glad to write there for you for any help which may be secured.

In regard to the projector, Dr. Thorne is unable to get Bell-Howell projectors either. He does not know how soon they can be procured. Meanwhile, you can make up your mind whether you want to order one through the Anchorage agent or to have us get you one. Dr. Thorne cannot get discounts now either, so the difference in cost would not be very much.

We have a student working with the Board of Christian Education on recruiting for the ministry this winter who has been over the Alaska



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The Rev. Bert J. Bingle

February 28, 1946

Highway.. Larry Byers is a capable young man having had his college and two years of Seminary work.. I heard a rumor the other day that he would like to go to Alaska for summer service. He has a brother who is employed by a canning company in southeastern Alaska and he might be able to get transportation free part way. There came a wild idea that if he could get himself up there we might ask him to take over your work for the summer. The one difficulty would be getting him there in time to go over it with you before you would leave. I do not hold out much hope for you on this but we are trying to get in touch with him right away.

I expect to be in your territory sometime around the 10th to the 15th of April. Will let you know later more definitely.

Kindest personal regards to all of the family.

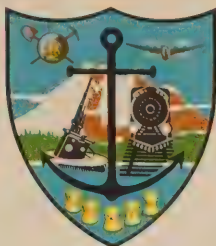
Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK



ANCHORAGE HOTEL



ANCHORAGE  
ALASKA

MAR 8 1946

*Julian*  
College. Alaska  
Mar 6 - '46

Dr. J. E. Jackman, Sec. Alaska Dept.  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Jackman:

Enclosed you will find a folder  
our comp put out, publicity for the  
raising of funds. The Anchorage business  
man recently gave us \$9,500 to purchase  
all the land about the lake so no  
contracting agency could put in a program  
any where near us. We are now out to  
raise money for the building as pictured  
also for a lavatory which will meet  
our needs and satisfy in all respects  
the department's health requirements.



# ANCHORAGE HOTEL



ANCHORAGE  
ALASKA

When you arrive here in the North country I hope I am home. I will have quite a full schedule about that time of the year. Our next Stock holders meeting for the conf. will be held in Anchorage Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>.

At Eklutna on Sunday I met an unusual but can be expected experience. The Bromleys have the youth of the village in a S.S. I was to be there with my projector and Religious Film Co. Bible Slides. - A young man died - all went on a drunk and no one showed up. - I left my material and on Monday a sufficient group was sober to have Church.

For this Eklutna S.S. will you send -  
Rev. E. E. Bromley, Eklutna Alaska?

- 10 Beginners Leaflets
- 4 Primary Leaflets
- 2 Gateways
- 2 Promers
- 2 Forwards.



ANCHORAGE HOTEL



ANCHORAGE  
ALASKA

This is to start immediately. The  
first allotment should be grates and  
the next should be ordered and  
paid for by the Bromleys. They are  
receiving offerings for the same from  
Sunday to Sunday.

GRANTS, BOOKS, TRACTS, PERIODICALS. 300

Enclosed find a check for \$2.50 for  
applying on this above order - 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter  
of 1946. - This is there offerings for supplies.

Beautiful weather up here -  
Best wishes to all in your office.

Sincerely,

Rev. B. Bingle.



# A Camp For All



## Will You Help?

King's Lake Camp provides a place for all groups to organize and develop an all-year around camping program. It is open to all. All groups are welcome.

## Purpose . . .

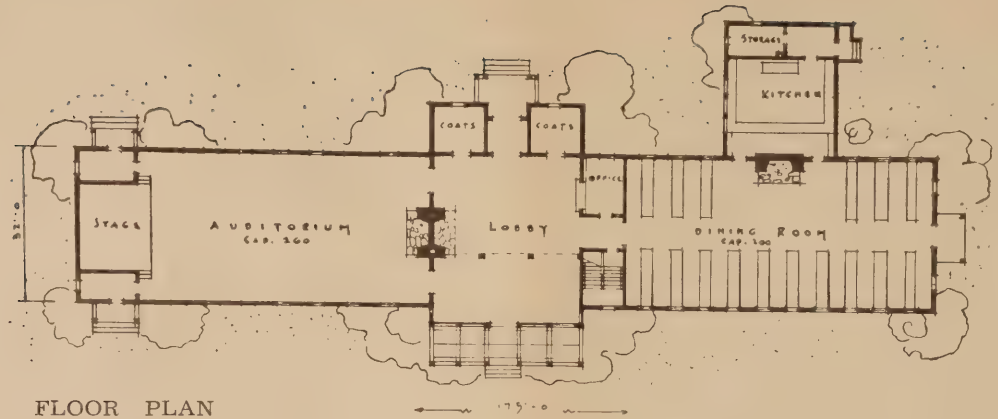
King's Lake Camp, Inc., is a non-profit, educational, religious, and recreational project devoted to making camping facilities available to all youth and adult organizations of Alaska.



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GRATEFUL FOR OUR EFFORTS



### WHAT WE NEED:

DINING HALL  
ASSEMBLY HALL  
INDOOR PLAY ROOM  
CABINS  
ENLARGED RECREA-  
TIONAL FACILITIES  
ENLARGED KITCHEN

## An Immediate Need - - - An Opportunity - - - For All Alaskans

Is it needed now? it is! A central hall with a good kitchen and some well-built cabins are outstanding needs now to make King's Lake ready to serve. When asked of King's Lake building program, "Is it needed now?", I say, "It certainly is. Let's get on with it."

GEORGE W. DOLCH,  
PASTOR, METHODIST  
CHURCH, ANCHORAGE

It is highly desirable that a youth camp and recreation center be built at King's Lake. If a youth is to develop worthy ideals, he must be given the opportunity for social contacts with others of his own age. King's Lake provides a unique opportunity for a recreational camp.

F. LESTER MINNER  
SUPT. OF SCHOOLS,  
ANCHORAGE.

The camp has come to be an integral part of the year's program of such groups as the Girl and Boy Scouts, the 4-H Clubs and the Church organizations both for children and adults. The present plans for expansion and permanent equipment will make it ideal in a setting of unsurpassed beauty.

MRS. ROBERT B. ATWOOD  
PRESIDENT, ANCHORAGE  
WOMAN'S CLUB.

# Build Now And In The Future For Our Youth !



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### MY SUBSCRIPTION

Accept my subscription of \$..... to the work at King's Lake Camp. I understand that these funds will be used to proceed immediately in the construction of buildings for the camp.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town

\_\_\_\_\_  
Box No.

Mail all checks, money orders, or drafts to I. M. C. Anderson, Box 915, Anchorage, Alaska and payable to "King's Lake Camp, Incorporated."

The King's Lake Camp, Inc., is a non-profit organization authorized by the law of the Territory of Alaska. Gifts to this work are deductible from your income tax.



*Transfer 3-24*

Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 19, N. Y.

VIA AIRMAIL

Fairbanks Lumber Supply  
Box 629  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

We are enclosing our Board's check for \$71.95  
the amount of your Jan. 31, 1946 statement for materials  
purchased by our missionary, The Rev. B.J. Bingle. This  
is in payment of

Invoice #D1751.....\$ 2.95  
" #D1625..... 55.00  
Balance bt. forward.... 14.00  
Total..\$71.95

*see letter in  
file of 4/1/46*

May we have receipts for the first two items and a  
receipted bill for the \$14.- item? We have no invoice  
covering this amount and our Treasury Department have  
advanced the payment of this balance pending the receipt  
of a bill for our future record. We will appreciate  
your cooperation in clearing this account as soon as  
possible.

Very truly yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to  
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska  
FK  
Enc. Ck. #53787-\$71.95

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Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

March 8, 1946  
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

VIA AIRMAIL

Reed and Lane  
P.O. Box 975  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

We are enclosing our Board's check in the amount of \$21.- in payment of invoice #2393 for materials purchased by our missionary, The Rev. B.J.Bingle, in December 1945. We will appreciate a receipted bill for our future records.

Very truly yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to  
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

Enc. Ck. #53788-\$21.-

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College, Alaska

Mar. 9, '46

Dr. J.E. Jackman, Sec  
Alaska Unit & S.S. missions  
156 Fifth Ave -

New York - 10 - ny.

My Dear Dr. Jackman:

Your letter of Feb 18 - at hand - I hasten to answer -  
The former letter I wrote gave the figures in detail of travel  
costs. I mislaid my copy but this is the expense:

Fairbanks to Whitehorse by bus -  
Whitehorse to Edmonton by air - } \$205.00 per person one way,  
Edmonton to Ohio by train

The check to come first therefore will be \$410.00.  
When the family is ready to return a like check will be requested.

Della expects to work again another year - She  
may never go on to school. -- I do not like it - but I can do  
no more. -- She will pay her own way out & if not go to school  
will pay her way back - If at a later date she goes to school  
then I shall write you.

The projector I shall yet try to get from Anchorage.  
The young man - well liked on the highway - would  
be a good help to Rolland and on the RR - whither to carry at least.  
My work vic will cover one trip - maybe Harry can help on one trip.  
Am sorry if we cannot help none out - They need help badly.

When Victory is won, may this great Highway be used as a link of everlasting peace and friendship with our great neighbour and ally - the U.S.S.R.

Bring C - Report form

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12.95  
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Wed 20 Dec 1941. N  
Jan 21 statement. 15m.



March 13, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Bert J. Bingle  
Box 1027  
College, Alaska

Dear Bert:

Your letter of March 9th has just come in and we hasten to answer it. We will arrange to have a check for \$40. sent to you for your travel expense for the family from Fairbanks to Ohio.

We are sorry to hear that Vella is not planning to go to school this fall. We hope that some time later she will plan to continue her education. We shall be happy to do anything we can for you in regard to it.

We are sorry to report that the young man who had spoken of going to Alaska for the summer is not able to go. We shall have to ask you to continue to make your arrangements for substitutes as far as possible. Since you have been helping the other men out occasionally perhaps they can give you a little assistance during absence.

Our report in the quarterly letter about the men using the calendar month for their report forms to the office was particularly for those men who are in settled pastorates. We are asking them to use the same report form which all aided fields throughout the United States use. There is no reason why Alaska should be different than any of the rest. However, your ministry is one which spreads out over a wide territory and involves the matter of travel expense. We should ask you to continue your report on the Sunday School Missions form which would go from the middle of the month to the middle of the month. This is a distinct advantage for you because it means you are not out

Page #2  
The Rev. Bert J. Bingle

March 13, 1946

of pocket your expense money for so long a period of time and brings the report of your activities more nearly up to date. We are asking everyone in Alaska who moves around over a larger territory to use the same kind of a report form. This is the type we use on the Princeton-Hall also.

On your statement from KSM as of January 31st there is indicated a balance of \$14. We have no bill to cover this amount and do not know whether to apply it on the manse or the garage. The Treasury Department has refused to accept a blanket statement and has asked us to get a receipted bill covering the \$14. and specifying what it was used for.

The last bills which you sent for the manse were \$92.95 which leaves an unused balance of \$11.93 still available to you. If it is necessary to have more than that we shall try to help you out of next year's appropriation for manse repairs.

It looks now as if I might be in Fairbanks about April 17th to 19th. I am not sure of this and may have to let you know after I arrive in Anchorage. This will be a busy time for you and you may be out on the Highway. I hope it will be possible to have a visit with you and maybe go along with you for one or two services. We shall try to keep you informed in advance but it will depend upon transportation.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary

JEJ:FK Unit of Work in Alaska



*Brady 3/14/46*

MEMORANDUM

To - - Miss Gillespie March 14, 1946  
From - Dr. Jackman

We have not notified The Rev. B.J.Bingle of the number of his S.I.C. contributors and we do not know that he has a complete list of all of these people. We do know that occasionally he mimeographs a letter and sends it out but this office does not have his list. This is a matter that needs to be straightened out among the three of us so that we will know where the responsibility lies for sending out this information material. We know that he sends some of it and occasionally we have sent some of it. It would be better if we could work it out together and have it all go from one source at regular intervals.

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
JEJ:FK Unit of Work in Alaska

March 18, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Bert J. Bingle  
Box 1027  
College, Alaska

My dear Mr. Bingle:

We are enclosing our Board's check in the amount of \$410.- which is an advance for travel for you and Mrs. Bingle from Alaska to Ohio. We shall appreciate having a statement of expenditures later so that this record may be cleared in our Treasury Department. This is the check referred to by Dr. Jackman in his letter of March 13th.

We hope you will all have a good trip to the States.

Cordially yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to  
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

FK

Enc. Ck. #54820-\$410.-





# Alaska Highway



4/1/46 C. J. ...  
to Anchorage

MAR 26 1946

Handwritten notes in red ink:  
4/10/46 ...  
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Statement

College, Alaska  
Mar - 20 - '46

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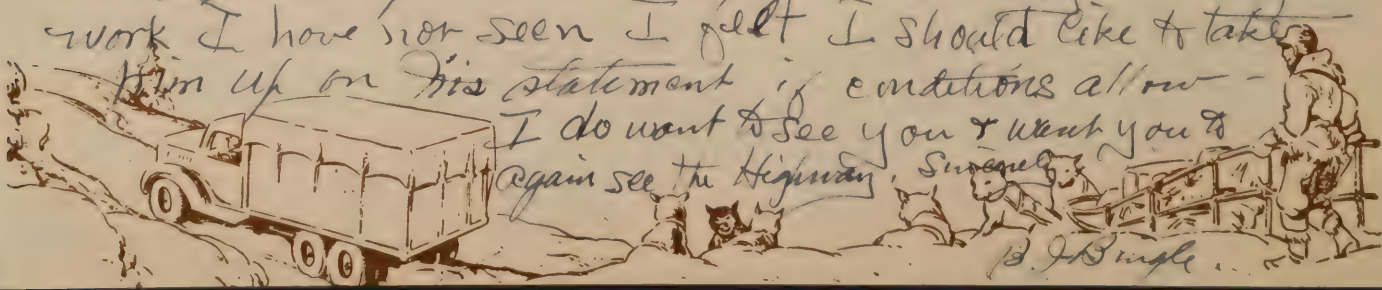
Dr. J. E. Jackman, Sec  
Alaska Unit & S.S. Missions  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave N.Y. City.

Dear Dr. Jackman:

Your letter of Mar 13 came two days ago. I checked with the Lumber Co & find the acct had been paid and a request for the itemized statement of the \$4.00 bill. I assume I have no more to do with getting it straight.

It may be possible that I need a few extra dollars for the work on the manse before going. If so I shall feel free to go ahead & purchase what I need - I can scarcely find time to do the work - that is my trouble.

It is regretted that you cannot be here till just a few days before Easter. I do not know my schedule yet but did promise the Navy Commander here I could be available for Easter Services if he so desired up North. As that is the only Section your work I have not seen I felt I should like to take



him up on his statement if conditions allow -  
I do want to see you & want you to  
again see the Highway, Sincerely,

B. J. Bingle

APR 29 1946

College, Alaska  
Apr 27 - 46

Dr. J. E. Jackman, Sec.  
Alaska work & S.S. Miss.  
156 - Fifth Ave.  
New York N.Y.

My dear Dr. Jackman:

How tired were you after that trip? - I  
am still feeling drained up. Had a  
fine trip to Barrow - good church on Sun. Ev.  
Sam & Ann are getting along fine. She is a  
big help & she understands many Eskimo  
words already.

Enclosed find an announcement by the C.O.  
If that project succeeds up there there will be  
quite a population on the move & in <sup>new</sup> villages.  
Those men have my best wishes - That is tough <sup>going</sup> up  
there.

My mother is better at the last writing. Will  
be on schedule no doubt. - Will be looking for the  
clergy certificates at St. Paul - Best wishes  
P & B. J. E.



APR 29 1946

NOTICE

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TO: ALL EMPLOYEES, NAVAL PERSONNEL AND OTHERS

THE REVEREND B. J. BINGLE ARRIVED FROM FAIRBANKS TODAY TO CONDUCT  
RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR YOUR BENEFIT IN CONNECTION WITH EASTER SUNDAY,  
APRIL 21ST.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE OF SERVICES WILL BE HELD:

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 19TH:

7:00 PM - A DISPLAY OF RELIGIOUS ART SLIDES COVERING PASSION WEEK.

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 21ST:

7:30 PM - EASTER CHURCH SERVICES.

ALL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE CAMP THEATRE - HUT #11. IN ORDER THAT  
YOU MAY ATTEND THE ABOVE SERVICES THERE WILL BE NO SHOW EITHER TONIGHT  
(FRIDAY) OR SUNDAY (EASTER).

LET'S SHOW OUR APPRECIATION TO REVEREND BINGLE WITH A GOOD ATTENDANCE AT  
THE ABOVE SERVICES.

ARTIC CONTRACTORS

## A detailed illustration of a brown bear standing on a rocky outcrop. The bear is shown in profile, facing right, with its head slightly turned. It has thick, brown fur with lighter patches on its chest and neck. The background is a simple, light-colored wash, suggesting a natural habitat. The style is that of a classic children's book illustration.

510 E. State St.  
Tremont, Ohio

7 Harry Morrison

May 11, 1946

Dr J. E. Jackson Sec  
Alaska Unit & S. S. Missions  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave N. Y. City

My dear Dr. Jackson:  
Roy, my family & self are now near  
Astoria. Everything had come along fine  
up-to-This date. I believe Roy has enjoyed it.  
He will become acclimated to Geography building  
noise & traffic sooner or later. Have used him  
a member of ~~me~~ so he gets used to speaking  
in English.

At least, if not the Family, will arrive  
in Philadelphia May 8<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> before dinner-  
If there is a chance of a rail trip we will come  
one day earlier. I have a room for us but not  
for him. I understand you were making that arrangement  
We have his room for General Assembly.

Send me your ill. address to my above address. I  
have got my little red book. See if my May check has  
been sent to Fremont. I need it.  
Thank you very much.  
Will see you - B. Bingle



MAY 14 1946

May 13, 1946

Rev. Bert J. Bingle  
c/o Dr. J. Earl Jackman

Dear Mr. Bingle:

It will not be long now before we are gathered at Atlantic City for the meeting of General Assembly.

Here is a special request for help from our Board of National Missions. Dr. S. Graham Wilson, our General Secretary, will preside at the supper for National Missionaries. The supper will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Atlantic City, Sunday afternoon, May 26, beginning at 5:15 p.m.

Dr. Wilson would like very much to have you speak for four minutes telling those present at the supper something about your work. I realize that this is a short time, but we will have a number of speakers. The fellowship at the supper will be helpful to us all, and your message, brief though it is, will strengthen our knowledge of the work of National Missions.

I will be pleased to have you indicate on the enclosed postal card that you are willing to give this talk at the National Missions supper.

I hope to see you at the Pre-Assembly National Missions Conference on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 22, at First Presbyterian Church, Atlantic City.

Cordially yours,

Merlyn A. Chappel  
Secretary for Promotion

MAC:p

May 15, 1946

The Rev. Bert J. Bingle  
c/o Mr. Harry Morrison  
510 E. State Street  
Fremont, Ohio

Dear Bert:

Glad to get your letter that all of you had arrived safely in Fremont and that you and Roy, at least, will be in Philadelphia on the 18th. I shall be there that evening and we have made a reservation for Roy at the hotel.

In checking with the Treasury Department, we discover that your expense check has been sent to Ohio and your salary check has been sent to College. We shall ask them to cancel the check sent to College which you will later return to us and we will have a new one issued for your May salary and sent to you at Fremont.

I am to be in Hanna City, Illinois on Thursday the 16th with Mr. John K. Dodge who is being ordained into the Presbyterian ministry that night and later will go to Skagway. My plan is to go back into Chicago on the Rock Island that night and take the Pennsylvania Railroad from there to New York City on the 17th. I have two commitments here on the 18th and will be in Philadelphia that evening.

If your family is not with you in Philadelphia, would you be interested in speaking some place on the 18th providing it can be arranged? This is only a small possibility but it might be done.

Greetings to Roy and all your family!

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Miss Vint

Unit of Work in Alaska

May 13, 1946

Cancelling of check #60251 sent to The Rev. Mr. Bingle, College, Alaska

Mr. Bingle and his family are in the United States prior to his attendance at the General Assembly. He is asking to have his May salary check sent to him at Fremont, Ohio and upon inquiring in the Treasury learn that check #60251 representing Mr. Bingle's May salary was forwarded to him at College, Alaska. May we ask you to stop payment on this check and issue another in his favor which should be forwarded to him at 510 E. State Street, c/o Harry Morrison, Fremont, Ohio. We shall appreciate your prompt attention to this matter as Mr. Bingle is in need of this money.

Do not send his June checks, expense and salary, to him without checking with our office first as to his address. He may be in the States for several months but will give you more particulars in reference to this later.

Unit of Work in Alaska  
per

FK

MEMORANDUM

May 17, 1946

To - - The Rev. Mr. Foster, Jr. and Miss Doris Drumbell  
From - Unit of Work in Alaska  
Re: - Bill for 2/3 of Salary and Expenses for the Rev. Bert J. Bingle  
less 2/3 Field Receipts for March through May 1946

Salary - - March 1946 - \$400.-  
" - - April " - 200.-  
" - - May " - 200.- Total salary \$800.- - 2/3 - \$533.33

Expenses - March 1946 - \$187.47  
" - April " - 96.80  
" - May " - 85.12 Total expenses \$369.39-2/3 - 246.46  
2/3 Total Salary & expenses - \$446.46

Field Receipts:

March 1946 - \$ 85.35  
April " - 73.23  
May " - 146.90 Total Fd. Receipts \$205.48  
less 2/3 Fd. Receipts total - 136.95  
\$510.81

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# Getting Around in Alaska

ALASKA  
PERM. FILE

## with the HIGHWAY CHAPLAIN\*



Bert Bingle in his winter travel outfit.

IN the states, travelling is made easy by route numbers which one may follow to reach any chosen destination. In Alaska following the route is much simpler, for there is usually only one road to take! But travelling in Alaska is far from simple, as the Rev. Bert J. Bingle well knows. Here is a sample:

Mr. Bingle was making one of his regular trips over the Alaska Highway from Fairbanks to Whitehorse (his territory). With him was Mr. N. H. Champlin, pastor of the Fairbanks Presbyterian Church. At one point, only eighty miles from Fairbanks, they ran into a spot where water had been flowing over the road, and sub-zero weather had built up layer upon layer of ice. Trucks had cut a channel through and this was filled with water, a half inch of water having formed on the top.

It was impossible to get through. For an hour, in the bitter cold, the two men chopped ditches in the ice in an effort to drain the water off, but they could make no headway. Fortunately, a Road Commission tractor appeared on the scene. Although the driver tried to discourage them, Mr. Bingle was persistent. "If I always took everyone's advice, I never would get anywhere," he said, and as for Mr. Champlin, he is a firm believer in the old saying, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained."

So the tractor hooked up with the sedan and literally dragged it for about a half a mile through ice and water. Cakes of ice crunched under the car, and water rose above the running boards and froze as it splashed up on the car. But it got through with no damage done!

Before leaving Fairbanks, Mr. Bingle had announced over the radio that he would be at Midway at 4 p.m., with a passenger, to go to the Indian Village of Tetlin to bring mail and hold services. When the children in that village heard the radio announcement, they ran to the school teacher and excitedly cried, "The preach—she come!" The preach—she got to Midway, which is just beyond Tanacross, at 6 o'clock. Though they were two hours late, two dogsleds and drivers were dutifully waiting to take them the twelve miles to Tetlin.

"Mr. Bingle had warned me that riding on a dogsled could be very cold going," observes Mr. Champlin, "so, though I looked forward to my first ride with keen anticipation, this was also mingled with a feeling of apprehension. I pulled on extra trousers, sweaters, mukluks and fur mittens. We each climbed on to a sled and were off with a dash. That ride was a thrill that I never expect to forget. Though it was sixteen degrees below zero, I was so well bundled up that I felt quite comfortable. It was a beautiful trip with the

moonlight turning the snow into sparkling diamonds, and we glided along the trail noiselessly over frozen lakes and through woods while the Indian driver softly whistled to the trotting dogs."

That sounds pretty easy and simple, but not so on the return trip.

In the morning the two men were up early and ready to make the trip—but no dogsleds! The Indians thought they were going to stay "two sleeps," as they put it. (They don't believe in rushing around. They are said to have two speeds—"slow and stop.") Finally, however, Mr. Bingle impressed upon them that they could only stay "one sleep" and had to leave. About noon the first sled appeared and Mr. Bingle was informed it was for him. (You don't tell Indians about such things—they tell you.) Well, he climbed on and started out. Though Mr. Champlin's sled did not appear for another half hour, he overtook Mr. Bingle whose steel runner sled did not glide over the snow as easily as his toboggan-type one. The driver had no sympathy for him but breezed right by, shouting, "Get off the trail." (Their philosophy must be—"every man for himself.") They covered the twelve miles with five dogs in one hour and forty minutes. But before Mr. Bingle finally appeared, he had walked at least three miles, and had run along driving his team for another three miles while his tired driver rode!

Whitehorse lies a little over 600 miles from Fairbanks and the Plymouth made its way along. The highway was in perfect condition. It winds its way through beautiful rugged mountain and lake country. Occasionally a red fox or a coyote would dash across the road in front of the car. But the ever present telephone poles which carry four circuits all the way

\*Adapted from a sermon by the Rev. N. H. Champlin of the First Presbyterian Church, Fairbanks, Alaska.

A woman pastor comes with her problem. Before the forced union her church was Presbyterian. The church home was burned out in one of the raids. The congregation meets around in the homes of the members who have any homes left. But that is not the problem. She utters not a word of complaint, not a hint that financial assistance would be welcome. No, it is something quite different. It is that a great opportunity is present and there are many adversaries. She has seen the doors of a normal school begin to open to the Christian message. Unbelievable. Anti-Christian thought has been entrenched in the normal schools of this land. The children of Christian parents all over the country have had to endure the taunts, the ridicule, the threatenings of teachers who have graduated from these normal schools. Can any good thing come of those schools?

Our friend was a normal school teacher once herself, a music teacher. At that time she won two or three of her students to the Christian faith. One of these is now teacher and matron of a dormitory in this school. She suggests to her old teacher that she talk to some of the girls in that dormitory. Informal talks turn into a Bible study group. The number grows to seventeen, and meets two or three times a week. Then one of the other teachers starts trouble. The attention of the principal is called to what is going on. "Sorry, but you will have to stop using the school for that purpose." Five of the seventeen already have been baptized this last Christmas-tide. They can't be abandoned now. If they can only be carried until their graduation in March, by that time they will be able to stand on their own feet, and they will go out to their work as teachers ready to scatter the seed for a fresh harvest for Christ in each place to which they go.

But there is no church building now to take them to. Dormitory rules are stringent and they cannot go far away. Where can they meet? That is the problem. Then it comes

out in conversation that the Imperial University YMCA is not far away. But that is for men. Surely girls would not be welcome there. "Wait a moment, I have the card of the secretary of that association in my pocket this very moment," I tell her. A note of introduction is written. And the next time the woman pastor comes she tells of the first meeting of the class there, of the addition of two of the teachers to the class, and the warm welcome that the Y gives to this group of girls. Now they can be carried on until they graduate, and then there will be five of them left to be the nucleus of a group for the coming year. That was her immediate problem. But she has one for us too: "What are you," she asks, "you bringers of freedom to this people, going to do to pry open still farther the doors of the normal school system and let the winds of freedom sweep through there too?"

*Well, what are we going to do about it?*

Another school teacher comes. She heard that talk on democracy the other day. She belongs to a school whose doors were closed two years ago. Why? Because they were burned or bombed out? Well, the incendiaries did fall there, and school buildings and dormitories and teachers' residences went up in flames one night. No, that was not the reason. They can even now squeeze a hundred girls into some sort of quarters and start in over again, and this is what they plan to do. But their principal, a baron, was a dangerous man in the eyes of the military. Why, even before the end of the war, he wrote a book on postwar woman's education so far-seeing that even now, after Japan's defeat in the war and the coming of a new regime, his book can be published without a single change. That is the type of man he is, that is the sort of idea he had, and that is why the school headed by such a man had to be closed by those leaders who are now discredited in the eyes of the nation and of the rest of the world.

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These  
people  
want  
democracy.





to the States are constant reminders of civilization. And beside them lies the Canol pipeline which stretches hundreds of unbroken miles from Fairbanks to Whitehorse connecting up with the Norman Wells oil fields.

At Whitehorse the men again left the car and took a train over the White Pass and Yukon narrow-gauge railroad down to Skagway. "Down" is the correct word. The last twenty miles there is a drop of 2900 feet. On the return trip it took six engines and a rotary plow to haul the train back over the steep climb and through snowdrifts as high as the train! In the days of '98 the pioneer missionary, Dr. S. Hall Young, walked over this pass with tens of thousands of gold-rushers headed for Dawson. The remains of the Presbyterian church can still be seen, which was built when all those thousands camped along the lake and constructed all kinds of floating crafts on which they travelled over the lakes and down the Yukon to the gold fields.

Automobile, dogsled, automobile, train—there was yet another conveyance ahead. The two travelers were just finishing supper at the home of the Skagway minister and his wife, when in walked the Rev. Walter Soboleff, pastor of the Juneau Church and who should be with him but Paul Prouty, missionary of the *Princeton-Hall*, and Elder Andrew Wana-maker, captain of the *Princeton-Hall*. The famous mission boat had just pulled into Skagway and neither party had known that the other would be there! So the next day the two travellers went by boat to Haines where they visited Haines House and the nearby village of Klukwan.

Mr. Champlin tells of a unique incident at Klukwan. "After the service half of the people had left the church when Walter Soboleff, the pastor, beckoned us to be seated. He spoke several minutes in Thlinget and we recognized the words 'seventy and seven.' One of the old men had not taken communion because he was angry with one of the other men. There, in church, he had asked to be forgiven. The two men stood up in front of the church, shook hands, and with their hands clasped, we ministers placed our hands upon theirs as prayer was offered. Then each of the two spoke in Thlinget expressing the great satisfaction that was his, now that he

was at peace with the other. The old fellow then received communion."

After reaching their final destination, Whitehorse, the travellers took account of their trip. In twelve days they had covered 1250 miles by highway, 24 by dogsled, 230 by train, and 30 by boat. The importance of the trip, however, could not be measured in miles. It was what they had done along the way that counted:

At the Indian village of Tetlin, for instance, after they had eaten supper they held a church service—at 10:30 p.m., married a young couple, and joined in the fellowship and fun of the wedding celebration.

At Tanacross the next night, they held services in a civilian mess hall, another service across the river in an Indian village at 10 p.m. The little log church was full of men, women and children who had been waiting an hour. (Can you imagine any white congregation waiting an hour for the preacher to appear for a church service?)

And so it went down the highway—holding services in American and Canadian road maintenance camps, at a Standard Oil pipeline pumping station, at a C.A.A. station and for the Canadian airmen at Snag. One service was held at 6:30 a.m. at Tok Junction before the road men and soldiers went to work. Some services were held at noon when the men came in for dinner. Others were held in the evenings and on Sunday afternoons. The singing was always good, the attention perfect.

Along the Alaska Highway many camps are now boarded up, but there are still enough open to make regular trips by the Highway Chaplain worth while. New recruits keep coming into the small posts. Men from Texas, Oklahoma, and California care for the gas line that runs between Skagway and Fairbanks. Groups of M. P.'s are at some of the now vacant posts. Men at civilian camps keep open and in good repair, the airfields, the highway, and the railroads. It goes without saying that wherever people are they need to be reminded of the Way of Life taught by Christ. They need opportunities to worship together for their spiritual uplift. They need to be reminded constantly of things Eternal. And they yearn for these services even as we do.

Children of both white and Indian villages eagerly await visits of the Highway Chaplain whenever he comes by.



Mr. Bingle's services are often the only Protestant services for boys in camps, both in Alaska and Canada.



# SPADEWORK in IRAN

*Persian rugs, the Peacock Throne, Power Conferences, and Oil Wells put Iran in the headlines from time to time, and while power politics play ball with that country, solid foundations for international understanding and good will are being built throughout the whole year by the Community School conducted by the Presbyterian Mission in Teheran, says, COMMODORE B. FISHER, principal.*

“DIBS on first bat.” “Then gimme the catcher’s mit!” Almost any day except Sunday you can hear these familiar phrases in the schoolyard as the youngsters rush out to the playground for soft ball, basketball, volleyball or soccer. You would think they were all American school children and could hardly pick out the dozen real Americans among them. But it is the Americans who are responsible for their expressive language.

Where is this school? In Teheran, Iran, the scene of the famous Big Three Conference, the strategic center where American, British, and Russian soldiers rubbed elbows throughout the war years. At this crossroads of the world, Community School has been functioning since 1934.

Who are the students? More than two hundred boys and girls between the ages of six and sixteen. They come from twenty different nations—American, British, Scandinavian, Czech, Swiss, Russian, German, Belgian, Iraqi, Iranian, Greek, Afghan, Indian Hindus and still others join in study and play. Their parents came to Iran as missionaries, members of diplomatic missions, engineers, doctors, business men and specialists of different kinds. During the past decade Iran has enjoyed something of an industrial revolution. She has built the railroad, sugar mills, woolen mills, a glass factory, and a cement plant. Foreign specialists have come in to do these jobs and many of them have turned to the American Mission

School to educate their children. The school which was started primarily for the children of missionaries, found itself swamped with more and more applicants from the international community.

What do they study? They study regular American textbooks from the first through the tenth grade. Teachers cannot undertake to teach in twenty different languages, so when the first grade teacher says, “Children, open your books, take your pencils, and we will begin to write,” everyone must understand what she says. Only students who already understand English can be accepted, so private tutoring is very much in demand in the city of Teheran.

What are the results? Whether they graduate or not, these students go back to their different countries with a better knowledge of the young people of other lands. They can never forget the friends and fellow students with whom they worked and played in Community School. Within the past four years, in spite of the war, our students have gone back to Hungary, Bulgaria, Turkey, Syria, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, India, South Africa, England and America, and most of them write back to their teachers and classmates. No race, class, or religious distinctions are made. All feel at home in Community School, and not one case of discipline has arisen on account of race or creed.

Community School was one of the wonders of the world to the American soldiers stationed in Teheran on the supply route to Russia. American kids! That meant American homes, and the soldiers missing their own kid brothers and sisters, sought and found home and companionship with the Community School children and their families in picnics, parties, jeep rides, church, and Sunday school. A Boy Scout Troop appealed to some of the young soldiers who were scarcely out of their own scout days. Working with the Community School scouts, an old basement room at the school was cleared

American, British, German, Belgian, Russian, Iranian—twenty nations in all. Can you spot them?







On the Parkway THE *Robt Morris* HOTEL At 17th and Arch Streets

LOUIS E. PIKE  
MANAGER

PHILADELPHIA 3, PA.

520 E. State St.  
Fremont, Ohio  
May 30 - 1946

Dr. J. E. Jackman, Sec.,  
Alaska Works S.S. Miss.,  
156 4th Ave  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr Jackman:

I hereby make application thru you to Dr. Frederick Thorne for the obtaining of a sound projector and a record player of two speeds, 16 in disk, that can be used in connection therewith, it is understood that the first is to be obtained thru the War Time Service fund, the latter to be paid for by myself. (There is no objection on my part if the War Time Service wants to cover both items as the equipment will be used in conjunction with the work.) These items are needed exceedingly and have been so for many long months. They will be greatly appreciated by all whom I contact.

Thank you very much for all your past help to the people in remote sections in Alaska - Sincerely,

ONE-HALF BLOCK FROM NEW PENNSYLVANIA R.R. TERMINUS

TWO BLOCKS FROM BROAD STREET STATION

Rev B. B. Blythe.

May 31, 1946

My dear Mr. Bingle:

Just one last thing! In order for me to get clergy rates on the ticket which I shall get for Mr. Ahmaogak on Monday for June 7th from Chicago to Norman, I'll need a clergy slip. Will you have Mr. Ahmaogak sign one of these slips and forward it to me at the office in the enclosed envelope? In this way we may be able to get the benefit of clergy. Hope this is the proper procedure.

Thank you so much for lunch. I enjoyed being with you, Mr. Ahmaogak, and your family. Have a good trip along the way and hope you get all the various things accomplished you have in mind.

Sincerely,

FK



5/31/46

# Alaska Highway Mission

1st Three Years

Dr. Jackman maybe this  
would be a better title,

Program to "Another 3 yrs"  
B. J. Bingle

*Bingle file*  
Miss Vint  
Unit of Work in Alaska

June 5, 1946

On May 15th we sent you a memo asking that a duplicate check representing Mr. Bert J. Bingle's salary for the month of May be sent to him at Fremont, Ohio to take the place of the one which was sent to him at College, Alaska and which did not arrive until after his departure for the States. We also asked you to stop payment on the first check which was sent to College. We are attaching herewith this first check sent to College and on which you stopped payment. This clears this matter of the two checks.

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Unit of Work in Alaska  
per

Att. Cancelled check \$60251

*Rec'd from Dr. J. J. Bingle  
after the*



*Frankie*  
Miss Ehoibley  
Dr. Jackman

June 7, 1946

In accordance with our conversation, we are returning to you the manuscript from Mr. Bingle to see what can be done with it. When it came back to us there was no comment from you and we wondered what disposition you felt should be made of it. Mr. Bingle has already given you his idea of its use.

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Att: Alaska Highway Mission-First Three Years (Mr. Bingle's manuscript)  
Booklet, The First Three Years - Published by B.J. Bingle in Alaska



# Alaska Highway

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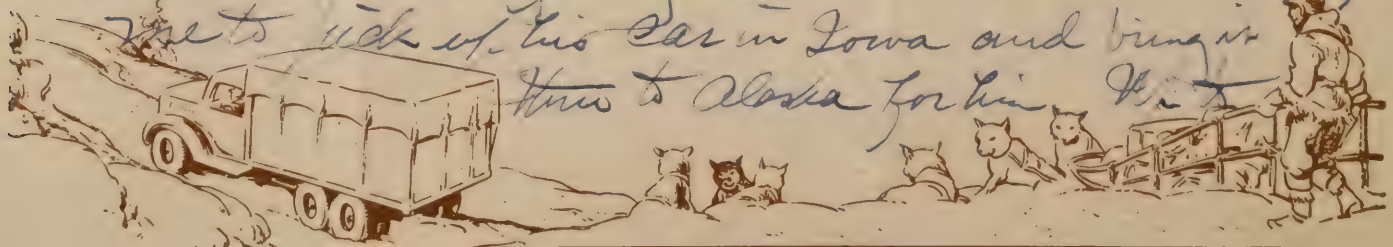
Dr. J. E. Lockman, Sec.  
Alaska Work & S.S. Missions.  
156 Fifth Ave. New York, N.Y.

520 E. State St.  
Fremont, Ohio.  
June 10 - '46

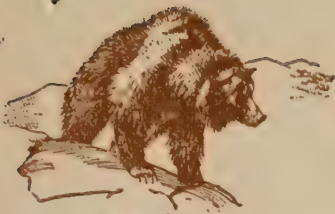
My dear Dr. Lockman:

When in the office I spoke about my little booklet with Miss Scherby. Since she had no recollection much of it I did not get an idea of her taste on Editing. However it did occur to me that the title should be changed & I left a note accordingly. But I did not correct the first paragraph to correspond with the correction <sup>in title</sup>. If you approve of the correction in title will you have your secretary or yourself correct that first paragraph? Now if the article is not acceptable in its present form <sup>to Miss Scherby</sup> would you return it at once to me at the above address <sup>registering mail?</sup> I can take care on my vacation to put it in final shape and, perhaps, if you think so, get some person here to publish it for me. Send the little <sup>attached</sup> booklet on the Matanuska Valley <sup>also</sup> so I can use it as an example of what I want.

The other day I rec'd a communication from O.K. Inc. on the Highway - the Auto mechanic - asking me to pick up his car in Iowa and bring it thru to Alaska for him. He is







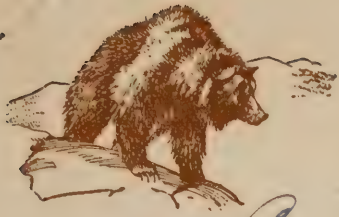
# Alaska Highway



This writing I have rec'd nothing from Alaska that would tell me I could get a car while here for myself. If I do receive such information it should not make a difference as we could either trail one loaded with baggage or drive both as both the son and daughter are good drivers & we would be together in that case. -- This is now my proposal :-

Rolland is asking for help for King's Lake Church Young Peoples Conference. What would you think of asking one of the girls or ladies, either Miss Lady or Miss Culliffe of the Philadelphia office to go back with us to Alaska? The expenses are not so much going, we could return her as far as Whitehorse. If such were the case then they would have a better idea of our set-up and can give still better suggestions of helpfulness. Maybe they -- is one going if -- would be, please to stand some expenses for the opportunity so the Board would not have to stand so much expenses - Am I an opportunist?





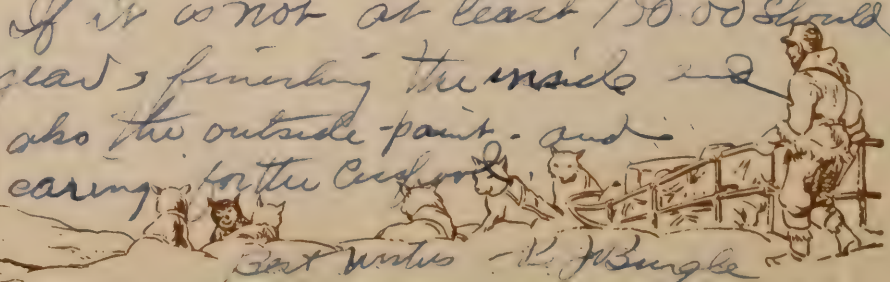
# Alaska Highway



A third that I have - Since I am practically assured of one car to go back with, which may be providential with the strike situation thus, would you wish any of your Alaskan prospects to drive their cars back with us? -- If your man wants to go to Cordova - or you want him, he can drive all the way to Valdez which is just 80 miles from Cordova on the Prince William Sound. That would be less expensive than any other way to get him there - Also - the Calif. man if he goes, if one is to go, to Fairbanks. My time for leaving will be shortly after the 15<sup>th</sup> of July - certainly not much later if any.

The time maybe too long for the Philadelphia ladies to be away from the office but my notes are in maybe good business. Maybe you have a better suggestion on the same note?

In your report blank you had us to give an estimate of property requirements for next year. I do not know if our part or College House Estimate is in or not. If it is not at least \$100.00 should go in for this year's finishing the inside and also the outside paint. and caring for the Curfew.



Best wishes - R. H. Bungle



June 14, 1946

The Rev. Bert J. Bingle  
c/o Harry Morrison  
510 E. State Street  
Fremont, Ohio

Dear Bert:

I have had another visit with Miss Sheibley about your material for the Highway booklet and she has promised to look it over again. She could not remember any definite reason for any decision on it. We are hoping for an early reply from her.

Personally, I am not optimistic about having the Board of Christian Education bear any expense for Miss Ludy or any other worker to go up to the King's Lake Conference this summer, but, on the other hand, we come face to face with the proposition that under our insistence they are doing something for southeastern Alaska and the time is coming when they ought to do something for the Interior.

If you feel Miss Ludy would do a good job, and I am sure she would, why don't you ask her about driving up with you. Maybe Christian Education would pay a part of her expense and she could use the experience as a vacation. We have been trying to work it out here to get the girl who is to help Harry for the coming year to be there in time for the Young People's Conference program. We have not been able yet to get a decision from Camp and Church Activities Committee and I'm hoping daily to receive a favorable reply from them. We have just about decided to send her anyway in faith that the Committee will come across with their part of it for the next year.

If we had a worker ready to send up to Cordova at that time it would be helpful to have him go with you. The man with whom we have been corresponding about this is one who has a little question about his ability to get smooth cooperation from the people among whom he labors. We are not ready yet on the basis of our past investigation to appoint him.

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There seems now no possibility of getting the building for Savoonga. Percy's annual order just came in after two months delay in the Wales post office. We are unable to fill the entire order. We shall notify him immediately so that he will have a chance to get whatever he can up there.

We have heard from Roy that he has arrived in Norman and has met those with whom he will be working during the summer.

Kindest personal regards to all your family.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

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JUN 24 1946

# Alaska Highway



520 E. State St.  
Fremont, Ohio.  
June 22, 1946.

Dr. J. E. Jackman, Sec.  
Alaska Unit of Work  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Jackman:

Thank you so much for your letter remembering me on my 50th Birthday. Alaska has meant much to me. I am sure it has done much more for me than I possibly have <sup>now do</sup> done for the Kingdom of God in Alaska. If God wills, I hope in some small way at least to return to Him via Alaska something of the gracious things he has done for me, also through the territory to the North. Thank you again.

By this time the Board has met and discussed the Palmer Hospital. Can you relate to me their decision? Is there anything I can do to help?

I will leave one week from today, via Boyd G. Cabbage church, for Synod. I think I may return ~~clear~~ here before leaving for the North. I still ~~am~~ quite anxious about my mother who has been much better of late. Too it will help me getting the family to Iowa to get the car for my friend and "helper" the auto mechanic at Tok. As yet I have no word about a car from Anchorage. I do have a remote promise from a Plymouth dealer in Superior, Wis.-- Only remote.--

Best wishes to all in the office and yourself.

Sincerely,

Bert J. Bingle





June 25, 1946

The Rev. Bert J. Bingle  
c/o Mr. Harry Morrison  
510 E. State Street  
Fremont, Ohio

Dear Bert:

The Board met on the 20th and took favorable action in regard to the Palmer Hospital. The Board expressed its sympathetic concern with the situation in the Valley and authorized the Department of Missionary Operation to proceed with negotiations in regard to the operation of the hospital within the resources of the Board if we should be invited by the community to assume that responsibility of operation. Miss Voss has communicated this information to Dr. Albrecht, Victor Alfsen, and Rolland Armstrong. Army has sent us a newspaper clipping that they are launching a campaign up there for \$125,000. for a twenty-five bed hospital on or near the old site.

We are waiting for a decision in regard to the pulpit exchange with the man in San Francisco Presbytery. We have received no priority for the new Church at Savoonga but have written Alice Green to get the Native Store there to proceed with the Territorial Guard and Army officials at Nome to procure the building which is there waiting. Miss Dorothy Nichols is to go up to give Harry some help and we are now waiting for clearance on her transportation and administrative decisions.

I hope you can pump some of your enthusiasm for Alaska into Boyd Cabbage. He has been known to make the statement before a group of young people that he would not return to Alaska if he were in his right mind.

We have been trying to get a report from Publicity on your manuscript but they are piled so high this summer that we have not been able to get action on it.

Hope you have a good visit at Synod. Keep us informed about your location and movements so we will know where to get in touch with you.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

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JUL 15 1946

Synod of Wash.  
Seattle July 9 - 46

Dr. J. E. Falkman  
Bd of Nat. Miss.  
New York 10 N Y

Dear Dr. Falkman:

Have been elected moderator of  
Synod - What a surprise. Been  
very busy. Enjoying it tho -

In contact your man about Supplies  
of North - See Tony Poler of Norm tomorrow  
with him - maybe can get enlightenment.

Dr. What about my projector ordered  
thru Fred. Thorne? The pastor of the  
You West Ohio Church asked if he could  
not buy something for me. I told him  
the projector - He said - "tell me the  
amount." - Let me know at Fremont how  
we stand there - Best wishes B. Bayles.



July 15, 1946

The Rev. Bert J. Bingle  
520 E. State Street  
Fremont, Ohio

My dear Mr. Bingle:

Congratulations to the newly elected Moderator! This must have been quite a pleasant surprise for you. You will be busier than ever now as being Moderator must entail a lot of work. Every new duty does.

Glad you contacted the Rev. Mr. Howell while in Seattle and that a conference between you two and Mr. Polet was contemplated. We shall be very interested to learn of the outcome of this visit.

You asked about your projector! We sent a memo to Dr. Thorne on June 7th asking his help in securing a Bell and Howell sound projector for your work along the Alaska Highway and Alaska Railroad. Upon checking with that office this morning, we learn that Dr. Thorne did nothing about this and he is now on a field trip. However, Dr. Jackman and he will meet enroute or somewhere in New Mexico within a short time, so we shall get a letter to Dr. Jackman post-haste asking him to consult with Dr. Thorne if this projector is available now and to instruct his office here at headquarters to work on this order. It may be possible that these specific projectors may still be frozen. Just as soon as we get a report we shall inform you of the same.

We were interested to learn that the Pastor of the Van Wert Church is interested in purchasing this projector for you. Will he hold this money for the purchase of this projector until we can get a price and report on the same? If you will give us full particulars we shall be glad to send him the bill for payment or he can send us a check for the bill if this is agreeable to you. We shall await your further instructions.

In a letter received from Dr. Jackman the other day from the field, he instructed that we inform you that there will be no one to join you on the trip back to Fairbanks. We are disappointed that there will be no pastor exchange for Mr. Champlin at Fairbanks this year or not right now anyway. Perhaps a little later there may be a possibility but it is more hopeful for a year from now. This would give us more time to

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The Rev. Bert J. Bingle

July 15, 1946

work on it in a thorough fashion. Dr. Jackman has utilized every effort and opportunity in trying to secure an exchange but was not successful. He shall continue trying and working on this.

We have forwarded the advance check for \$440.- for travel from the States to Fairbanks, Alaska on to Mrs. Bingle as you suggested. We have asked for an accounting later.

Kind personal wishes!

Sincerely yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to  
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Copy to Jackman 8/6/46

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College, Alaska  
July 31/46.

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Dear Mr. Jackman:

This finds us at home; arrived this afternoon after a very fine trip and not much car trouble; Camped flat. Bert said he would send you an accounting later. He is going to make a trip down on the railroad before going down the Highway and to Camp at Palmer.

Our July Check has not arrived as yet. It had not arrived in Fremont before we left there on the 18<sup>th</sup> nor is it here. Will you please inquire about it for us and if it has been sent it should arrive.

In reference to the projector, Bert suggests that you write Rev. Charles L. Martz, Pres. Ch. Van Wert, Ohio. saying it is understood that his church would be glad to make a contribution to Rev. Bingle's work in Alaska. The



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was mentioned as a possible contribution which they might make. If the Church is willing to underwrite this matter the Board would be glad to be informed.

This is his suggestion on how to handle the correspondence with the Van West Church.

Sincerely  
Mrs. B. J. Bingle



August 6, 1946

AIR MAIL

Mrs. B. J. Bingle  
Box 1027  
College, Alaska

My dear Mrs. Bingle:

Dr. Jackman and Miss Koerner are both away on vacation, and in their absence I am trying to do my best with the Alaska mail.

I have checked with the Treasury Department and they inform me that your July salary check in the amount of \$200.00 was mailed on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. I believe you should have received it by this time, but if not, let me know and I will ask the Treasury to cancel payment on it and issue a duplicate.

A copy of your letter is being forwarded to Dr. Jackman for his information and attention.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred Kidd, Secretary to  
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

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CC: Dr. Jackman

*To: College, Alaska*





Rev & Mrs Bert Bingle  
College Alaska

*James T. Van  
9/1/46*

Our Return To Alaska

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On July 17, after saying our last goodbye to the folks in Risingsun and Fremont, we drove to Toledo with Mildred and Stanley; remained with them for the night. In the morning of the 18th we boarded a 6:15 A.M. train which was four hours late due to a train wreck east of Cleveland. We thought we were leaving Ohio with the thermometer in our favor. When we arrived in Chicago we learned why it felt as tho the heat had been turned on in one of the coaches. The weather man had really turned it on; the temperature for Chicago was 99.9°. A hot send off for us. We made tracks as fast as possible toward our goal, Alaska.

We were fortunate in securing accomodations on the Illinois Central to Storm Lake, Iowa, air-conditioned. Arriving there early in the morning, we found a Cafe already opened for early morning customers. We then made ourselves known to the Nelson family; Andy's brother, whose car we were to drive home. The men spent the day getting the car and trailer ready for the long trip ahead. Bert spent several hours in a Dentist's chair. In the early evening we were given a motor boat ride on the beautiful lake across the street from the Nelson residence. After the boat rides Bert showed once more our collection of Alaska slides to Andy's brothers, mother and neighbors.

Early in the morning of July 20th we awoke and were given a good breakfast by Andy's aged mother. We got away at 6:15 for we had a long distance to cover by night. This was James' 16th birthday. Now he could use his driver's license in his own right. We gave him a blue shirt and hand painted tie.

The road led over the beautiful and fertile hills of Iowa. This State is known for its tall corn. Already contests had been held to see who owned the tallest stalk of corn for that date.

From Iowa we entered the State of South Dakota where the hills were just as rolling but the crops were not so good. Frequently you would see a good stand of corn, hay or grain. We drove thru Rapid City on to Lead which was our destination for the day. Paul, Vema and Verlene Parker live there in the Presbyterian manse. Since being discharged from the Army as a Chaplain, Paul has been the pastor of this church. Such genuine hospitality we shall not soon forget. Lead is a mining community in the Black Hills. The scenery here is really beautiful. Why more people do not go west to live is more than we can fathom. Yes, it gets hot out west, but it is a dry heat and the nights are always cool. On Sunday P.M. Paul drove us out to see the Rushmore Memorial. This is rightfully called the "Shrine of Democracy". After visiting the Presbyterian Youth Camp on our return to Lead, we spent the night with the Parkers. Bert spoke at the morning service at Lead and showed his slides at the evening service in a small community which is 18 miles distant.

Early Monday morning the 22nd, we made our departure from these dear friends and traveled thru more of the Black Hills. We could see the famous Bad Lands in the distance. The odor of the Ponderosa Pines filled the air as we traveled thru the hills. Occasionally we could see the snow streaked mountains in the distance. They looked good to us. The days were quite warm while traveling but the nights were cool, just as we like them. While driving thru Wyoming we could see herds of beef cattle grazing on the hillsides or standing huddled together at the fence. Truly there seemed to be no meat shortage. We passed thru the Crow Indian Reservation where Memorial Tablets are mounted beside the road designating some battle fought in the early days of our country with a neighboring tribe.

As we approached Billings, Montana in the evening it looked like a city set on a large checkerboard. The farming is done by what is known as strip farming; one strip is planted one year and another strip equally as wide is plowed for the next year's



crop. You see this all thru the western States and in Alberta, Canada. We drove on as far as Roundup where we secured rooms at the Hotel and had a good rest. Vella's Chameleon died during the night. It had laid an egg during church on Sunday. She had purchased it on July 2nd in Columbus, Ohio at the Ringling Brothers' Circus.

Surely Kansas is not the only home of the sunflower. They line the roadside in Iowa, S. Dakota, Wyoming, Montana as well as Alberta. There are several other varieties of flowers which blend with the sunflower to add a bit of color to the landscape.

We left Roundup on Tuesday morning. The road winds in and out of the rolling hills. Large ranches are seen with beef cattle in abundance being fattened for the slaughter. We passed thru Lewistown traveling north and west toward Glacier National Park. In this part of the State were bands of sheep as well as cattle grazing. The mountains were becoming more rugged and higher as they reached the summit in the Park. We passed over the divide that said Hudson Bay on one side and the Atlantic Ocean on the other. The scenery here is beautiful and inspiring. The nights were quite cold as were the early morning hours. We found a room at Babbs in a private home where we spent the night. Vella slept in the car.

We started out again at 6:00 A.M. in order to be at the Border when the Custom Officer would be on duty for the day at 7 o'clock. Bert showed the necessary papers for the car, so we were not delayed. Drove on to Watertown Lake Junction in Canada where we had breakfast.

As we left the Park large ranches showed up along the Highway with large fields of hay and grain. The road was not so good over the rolling hills with the mountains in the distance, which look like the Rocky Mountains of Idaho with their jagged peaks. Flowers of many varieties lined the highway. Here also we noticed the strip farming.

After passing thru Pincer we left the mountains as the road is now in the midst of the wide open spaces with the large ranches and ranch houses dotting the landscape.

As we purchased gas in Canada the gallon contains 5 U.S. quarts, so the price is higher in proportion. An imperial gallon at 35¢ would be 28¢ in U.S. As we passed McCleod we got into the grain belt of Alberta. Large elevators are in evidence along the railroad track in each community. In some places there are as many as 8 and 9 large elevators in a group waiting for the harvest. The Canadian Pacific parallels the road north to Edmonton and then west to Dawson Creek, passing thru the large prairie section called High Prairie and Grand Prairie.

At the Community of Olds there is a large School of Agriculture as well as Home Economics. Here you can see 9 elevators. Some tests have been made on the strip farming to find out which is the better method. 1 - Harvesting the first cutting of hay and plowing under the stubble or, 2 - Plowing under the full crop. The result seems to show that the first method gives the best results in the following year's grain crop.

At LaCombie we missed the sign pointing to Edmonton so went 32 miles out of our way. We had to return to Lacombe to get on the Highway again. This made us late getting into Edmonton, arriving there at 9:30 P.M. We had written for rooms in advance at the McDonald Hotel. They had been reserved for us.

On Thursday morning we did some shopping, got extra gas for the car and left there at noon. The road goes thru more ranch land for about 50 miles, then over the rolling hills which are heavily wooded with only an occasional farm. The elevators are more scattered and fewer in number. The trees which line the road are birch, cotton wood, spruce and willow.



Passing around a bend in the road we saw some commotion; a man with a team of horses, a truck in the ditch and people standing about. Upon inquiry found a woman with a broken leg. The men made a stretcher out of the side of the truck. A splint had been applied. The woman was placed on top of our trailer and taken to a town about a mile away. We took her to the Mounted Police Headquarters; a nurse and doctor were sent for. The party going after the doctor got stuck in quick sand. We left the woman in their hands after giving what information we could as to the accident.

That night we had a flat tire on the trailer about 11:15 P.M. so slept in the car until it was light enuf to see to change tires. We found to our discomfort later you do not put a Chevrolet wheel on a Plymouth trailer. The wheel altho adapted for the occasion gave us considerable trouble all morning. Had breakfast at Debolt about 9:30 A.M. Everything fixed up and ready to be on our way once more. We noticed several new buildings going up in this Community. New buildings could be seen in such towns all along the Highway.

We had to be ferried at no charge across the Little Smoky River.

We arrived in Dawson Creek about 4:30 P.M. on Friday evening just in time to secure the necessary permits for traveling on the Alaska Military Highway. Secured what gas we needed that night since gas stations and garages are not opened until 9:00 A.M. in that area. Here also are several large elevators. These are the last ones to be seen for from here the Road is hewn out of the forest. Only occasionally do you see a small clearing or field of grain with a home under construction.

The first mile of the Highway leads from the center of town near the Railroad Station. The marker labled zero has long since been misplaced. The highway is the width of four lanes as it heads north toward Alaska, tapering in width as it nears the mountains. It is gravel surfaced with a good road bed beneath making it unnecessary to rebuild it each spring as the frost goes out of the ground. That is necessary on the older roads in Alaska and Canada.

We crossed the beautiful Suspension Bridge across Peace River. There is some farm land in this river basin.

At Fort St. John we gave a ride to Mrs. Offerson and baby as far as Trutch where her husband works on the Highway. We stopped and had coffee with her. From here the road is lined with wild red raspberries. We stopped and sampled them but found that the mosquitoes were as thick as the berries.

We arrived at Ft. Nelson at 8:00 P.M. Had something to eat and then found our quonset hut which had not been spoken for. Reserved it for the night. Vella helped the boys with the dishes while Bert showed his slides and had worship for about 45 men. These folks in Camp have not much entertainment or any services.

Started out early next morning about 4:30 A.M. before camp was awake. When we got to Muncho Lake, found no one up. Aroused the man who sells gas. Filled up gas tank and had something to eat at his Cafe. This is a beautiful stretch of road beside the Lake and in the mountains.

We crossed a bridge at mile 488 which is called "Contact Bridge" a point on the Highway where the two Construction gangs met. There is a marker to that effect. It rained hard thru the mountains and hailed on us at two different places.

We arrived at Teslin at 7:30 P.M. Had dinner in the home of a Construction worker. No gas sold after hours so had to use our reserve supply. Saw Mr. Johnson a R.C.M.P. who had been at Haines Cut-off. He had just been transferred to Teslin Lake.



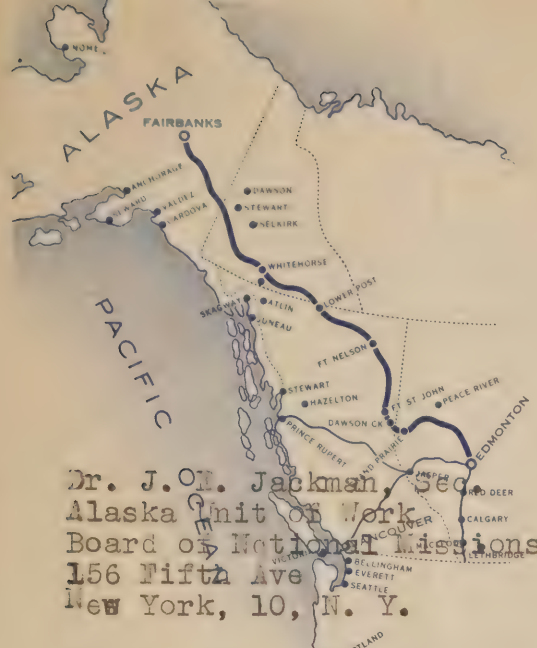
We arrived at Whitehorse at midnite. Had phoned in from the Traffic Control Station, 8 miles out for reservations at the Whitehorse Inn. They gave us the last two rooms available. After a good nite's rest we prepared to leave for home only 650 miles away. The road is still lined with trees, skirting the lakes, crossing the rivers on bridges which are master-pieces of architecture in themselves. The mountains are on both sides of the Highway. The scenery around Kluane Lake is hard to surpass anywhere. The lake is about 65 miles long and is surrounded by high mountains. The surface of this lake can be calm and peaceful and in a short time be rolling with white caps and very dangerous.

There was fresh snow on the mountain tops near the lake as well as near Tanacross. I can almost hear you say - "Serves you right". I still contend that 50 below to me is more comfortable than 100 above.

After crossing more rivers and following others we arrived in Fairbanks Wednesday about 4 P.M. just in time to have tea with the Ladies Aid at the manse. A farewell tea was given for one of our good members who is going to Honolulu.

We traveled 3,930 miles by car from Storm Lake, Iowa, used 265 gal. of gas, 19 quarts of oil. Made 14.8 miles per gallon.

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% First Presbyterian Church  
Fairbanks, Alaska.  
Sept. 4, 1946.

Dr. J. O. Jackman, Sec.  
Alaska Unit of Work  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave  
New York, 10, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Jackman:

By this time you are in the office and perhaps we can get a few matters off my books. Enclosed you will find accounting on my expenses. You will see that I put it under the respective items as indicated in the first estimate. There is an explanation that I need to make to you personally first however. If this is not O.K. and you wish to handle the two accounts separately You can have me make out another statement.

Harry had planned on leaving, I knew he was going to go because he and the family had planned on it all the time. I knew too that Harry and Betty both needed the rest or they could not continue to carry the load. Your being on your vacation did not allow the normal procedure of his getting the amount from the Board on travel as prearranged with the church while you were here. It were better that Harry go early so he could get back early. Too when one considers it, this type of a vacation will be less trouble to you than trying next year to find the exchange. You certainly tried this year and there is no guarantee success next year would be more assured. -- Hence I offered to carry both his work as much as I could over each week-end and my own. Too I spoke with Harry about the sum I had left over from James and Mrs. Bingle's advancement. He told me that in case he would not hear from you in time for his leaving that he would state that I advanced him \$150.00 as agreed upon from travel allotment given me. So I advanced him the amount, he needed it to get off or he could not go.

If this type of accounting is not alright then you can arrange with the office to account for Harry's travel allowance by giving me a check, or giving it to Harry, who in turn will give it to me for endorsement. I will then forward the amount back to you so accounts will in all be straight. If this is not O.K. on either score tell me what to do and I shall be happy to comply.

Enclosed you will find a check for \$50.00 which will finish up that which I owe you as over payment. Actually the over payment was \$200.00 as originally that it might be. This \$150.00 is the problem stated but my account in general terms on travel may cover it.





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*1/12/42 I sent letter to Dr. Keeler asking for a loan of \$4000.00 at 8% interest for 3 years. I am sure that community will write fully particular to him. Bingle. (34)*

Last night the combined Boards of the church here had a meeting to try to add solution to the housing, heating and foundation problem. They decided to do this: put a whole new basement under the Young Memorial Hall, fitted up for church use, put steam heat from the city N.C. Co. plant, cutting our heat expenses half in ~~two~~ - the tie-in being necessary to be made now. The total cost would be no less than \$4000.00. They did not want to pay to the local bank no less than 8% interest so asked me to write Dr. Keeler for a loan of that amount for the period of three years, and paying the regular rate of interest they ask for. That letter I sent off today. I could not find but one carbon paper so could not send you a duplicate of the letter. Will you check with Dr. Keeler and if you can add anything to the act of getting this amount I know the Board here will appreciate that?

The rate the military and civilian workers are coming into this country for the winter months is almost the same percentages of increase as it was during the for-part of the war. The space is decidedly needed. In fact the space is needed for everything everywhere. --The housing problem here is no less than a crisis.

I hope you had a fine vacation, enjoyed it just as much as the Bingle family did enjoy the trip to the States. It was perfect. Thank you again for all the contribution you have made to that end. I surely got into quite a bit of our Presbyterian work. That was very helpful to me. I hope now I can return to the work that which has been given to me.

I bet no less than one dozen people have ~~asked~~<sup>asked</sup> you to be sure that our letters and checks come by air mail. Well I will be the 13th just in case there was not a number one. The girls in the office did alright so we are not worried. Give everyone of the staff our best wishes.

Sincerely,

B. J. Bingle.



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5/8 Presbyterian Church  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
Sept 16 - '46

Dr. J. E. Jackman, Sec.  
Alaska United Work  
Board of National Miss  
New York - N.Y.

My dear Dr. Jackman:

Miss Altman is here from Anchorage seeking employment. I do not know what the set up is down there, I have not discussed it, or will. Could I ask your opinion and permit if o.k.?

Since Harry is out a few months - I presume till about Jan. 1, could Miss Altman be assigned to me in my work on the roads. She could be a very definite help on the Railroad and on the highway both - supplementing my work exceedingly. In fact she could be a god-send. On the highway she has sufficient Bus service and the R.R. is the train. - This to hold till Jan. 1 or such time as you suggest. If so send her a Clergy certificate and I will put her to work at once. - I have to add some more R.R. work & this will help -



Bert asked me to add a note before he left on the train this A.M. The men are all set to get the dirt out of the back basement under the old Church and put in a full cement basement, also the steam heat will soon be coming in from the street.

② Mr. Bingle wrote Dr. Keeler for the Session & Trustees for a loan of \$4,000.00. Will you check with him to see if they will grant the loan.

③ Return answers to both letters by wire please.

Trust you had a good vacation. Did you receive the copies of our "Return to Alaska"? I kept the log while the rest did the driving.

Sincerely,

Mark Bingle

P.S. Suggestion from Bert - This will mean no additional expense to the Board if his salary remains the same \$1,750.00. His travelling ~~with~~ expenses will be absorbed by Bert's expenses as his will be less accordingly.



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% First Presbyterian Church  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
Oct. 4, 1946.

Dr. J. E. Jackman, Sec.  
Alaska Work of the  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York, 10, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Jackman:

My bi-focals are making me see double this morning so I get my letters all mixed up, but will attempt to answer your last communication with some clarity at least. (My eyes I am attempting to straighten up. I was just about out of the ability to do any reading)

In reference to the accounting for the travel allowance on the return trip to Alaska for Mrs. Bingle and James:- I did make a mistake of the three dollars. If you have not taken it out of the check I shall send you one to cover that amount. You will note that in the accounting I sent one paper to go to the accountant and another - the main letter - to you asking you a question if this was the proper way to put the accounting in and if not to return the accounting plus the necessary check to cover the \$150.00 for Harry's travel which I would endorse and return to you with a new accounting. These papers then revised would go to the auditor.

The church here, according to the local board and Rev. Champlin, states you had promised for Harry's travel the sum of \$150.00, ie if the local church put up a like amount. Some such arrangement of duplicating the local church's giving to independent pastors, or pastors of self-supporting churches, for their vacations outside was given by the Board thru you at a previous Presbytery. But you were on vacation, could not be reached, and Harry wanted to get away before the first of Sept. I had this \$200.00 left from Mrs. Bingle's and James's travel allowance which I did not use (and I was liberal in my accounting, giving back to the Board every cent I could give). Since Harry had to have the money to go, since you were not contacted, as no answer to communications were received, and since I had Board money I gave to Harry the \$150.00 from the amount of \$200.00 owed you; This I know was not according to accounting methods and so the question to you when I wrote my letter stating that if this is not the proper accounting to give me the word, plus the check, and I would return a different accounting. Harry then would have to give an accounting for the use of the amount allotted. Now if it is still time and the account has not gone in please get it straight so we all will be right.-- I hope I have not been arbitrary about the giving but Harry thought it OK as chairman of the Comm. stating he would write you about it. If he has not, also about another matter in reference to my work, he has put me to an unfair advantage! Anyway here is my restatement and a request to get me clarified if not all settled with the \$5.00.





Uncle Sam & Jack Canuck co-operate as one to build this great Highway May that co-operation last forever!

Where Harry is I do not know. He is supposed to be in your city about now. I do hope he sees you. A number of things can have light thrown on them if he does. If he does not then some things will be slightly confused.

There is some question here-- at the house only-- of Harry's returning. What have you heard about it? I do hope he does return. Two reasons: he has done good work here, there are plenty that would do less, he is wanted to return. Of course some may have the usual pet gripe but that is not serious enough to curtail an attendance whatsoever. The second reason, and I speak personally, is his being the head of the National Missions Comm. of the Presbytery. Rolland is the second member on that comm. and frankly I don't feel so comfortable about some of the decisions he may make on the work. Ordinarily he goes along just fine, does the work of a giant in his field, but in an unexpected moment he does some things that undoes his previous arrangements. If I had to work under him I would certainly keep my fingers crossed-- hope and prayer the rest. I just wanted to tell you that now in the beginning, and I see no way we could be Christian and have another put in to replace Harry. He is the only one logically and in ability to succeed Harry. -- So I want Harry back (selfish).

Now relative to Miss Altman: You ask me not to become involved. Well, I arrive home, find a wire from her that she is coming to Fairbanks the following day to seek employment. But that day was now on the hour of receipt of message. I hurried over to the train to greet her. She is "winged"! Completely bound in tape and cast so one side is immovable for help. There are no rooms in town. She tried to help herself and rebroke her collarbone which put her with much pain in the hospital. But in spite of the tears she perked up enough to speak to the head of the English Dept of the University with whom she landed a job teaching in the University. Now she is still sleeping on our doorstep. Mrs. Bingle has to help dress her to get her off on the bus to the school as well as watch for her welfare at night. We think we have a room for her down the street soon but she can't leave till she has the use of her arm.

I asked just as much for her as for the situation here. Two workers one a former one, in one church only would breed trouble. With Harry out I could certainly use someone, the demands have multiplied everywhere as population has much increased. Too the Church of God Pentecostals have moved in a man at Healy. I cannot go down there every week to compete with him. Eventually he will absorb the S.S. I see no way out. I thought maybe she could help me there till I saw what the score is. She should be ok with children and women folk. -- But that is over now. I think it is working out alright as I asked her to keep away from Dorothy. She took it fine.

Mr. Tonseth has the papers, we are having a congregational meeting one week from Sun. Oct 13th and vote on the borrowing of money from the Board, also incorporation. We will also poll Presbytery. Write you late



November 14, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. B. J. Bingle  
Box 1027  
College, Alaska

Dear Bert:

I have just been looking over your report for September 15th to October 14th and note that you were in Barrow over one Sunday. We presume that you were caught there on account of weather and were not able to get back to Fairbanks. Frankly, I don't like these jaunts to Barrow when there is so much other work for you to do. Yet, I realize the relationship which Sam Lee has with the camp up there attempting to protect his Eskimo people from the inroads of the white man. Sam is not as apt to push himself in to hold a service as you are and perhaps you ought to go up once in a while but one man cannot minister to all of the needs in the whole Interior.

How is the work coming among the soldiers in Fairbanks. When I was up there, Harry told me that they were building an army community in the vicinity of Ladd Field and they would have a Pastor-Chaplain who would take care of the needs out there. A part of Miss Nichols' responsibility is for the encouragement of the soldiers to come to the Fairbanks Church. We should assume essentially that religious services are provided for the men on the Post but many of these men, particularly the single ones, want to keep some contact with a civilian church and they will prefer to come into Fairbanks to Church rather than go to the Post Chapel. So long as our church work is in harmony with the Post Chaplain, being carefully not to entice anyone from the Post Chapel who wants to go there, we ought to encourage any of the G.I.s who come to participate in the program of the Church. They will have a more normal human relationship in the work of our Church than they would at the Post Chapel. We should encourage them to come.

We have been looking for the papers in regard to the \$2000. grant from War Service funds and the \$2000. mortgage on the Church from the regular funds of the Board. Next Monday we are having a meeting of the Restoration Fund Projects Committee which would consider the \$2000. grant from War Service funds. I ought to have papers completely filled out for that meeting in order to get the money at this time. Also, we are having a meeting of the Board and we should have had the application papers for the \$2000. loan to present at that time. When we forwarded



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the papers to you, I thought we gave you a dead line on them. The papers for the loan should have been here two weeks ago so that we could get action by the Administrative Council and the Building Aid Committee for action by the Board next week. There will not be another meeting of the Board until the 16th of January but the papers would have to begin their way through respective bodies about the 6th of January. It is possible to get the \$2000. grant from War Service Funds in December but the other could not come until January. Inasmuch, as we are under the impression that work has been started in the basement of the Church we thought the funds would be needed and should be available as early as the papers can be processed. If these have not already been sent, please look them up and get them on the way.

We are glad to know that you are covering so many civilian and army camps and are able to take along a little extra touch showing your interest and concern for the people there. We hope that you are carrying in your own personality a little honey and a winsomeness of spirit which will draw people to Christ.

Kindest personal regards to Mabel and the children!

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

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College, Alaska  
Nov. 18, 1946.

Dr. J.E. Jackman, Sec.  
Alaska Work and S.S. Missions  
Board of National Missions  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Jackman: - This is ten P.M. and your letter has just been brought in. I hasten to give reply yet tonight. It goes out by six in the morning.

The papers I took to Anchorage and by a meeting with Vic and Rolland they were approved and signed. They were then turned back to E.A. Tonseth and Mrs. Bingle has just called him and found that they were still here. He has not been well, and I underscore that, so his work is limited. We will get them off for the Dec. 6th meeting and the January meeting will not be too late as we had to care for the finances temporarily anyway which I assume can hold till that time. Since this place had to incorporate at the same time it has taken more time.

The work has been done as far as the contractors are concerned both on the basement of the church and the heat into the church. The heat into the manse will be next but radiators will have to be shipped in before that can be done. - The strike in Seattle has effected Alaska very seriously. We now have trucks rolling in thru Canada.

No-, no one person can take care of the spiritual interests of the whole of the interior of Alaska. I said that two and one-half years ago when the plan was to drop Dave. I have said it repeatedly. I restate it again. We can never guess all that is in the making for this country up here. A new Railroad from Ladd Field to the air field 26 miles down the Richardson Highway toward Big Delta has been authorized and work in preliminary now begun. (talk is stronger than ever of one coming thru Canada up here.) This post is to have a General soon instead of a Colonel. (maybe off the record) 6000 plus G.Is. are here already and more assigned. About 2000 Civilian workers at Ladd alone and hundreds more to come in a few months.-- 26 mile is not cared for by army or myself either. There are two chaplains for the whole 80000. With camps for the R.R. no one person will be in line to give spiritual assistance, if the work in the Artic goes as it looks we will need to cover that area just the same as these other. Too many go up if we do not go, ~~no one~~ No one goes to Umiat where there is real need. Just to Barrow where it is spectacular. -- We did a further wrong when we left Dave get clear away from us, now going to Idaho. He is the only one who could come right in and take over. He was well liked on the road. I consider that my fault for not giving more information so we could have had him up to help. This is certainly a war matter, just as much as Europe. The Resporation funds should have paid the bill in total.

We have from 25 to 40 G.Is. every Sunday with us. This town is packed with Civilians, pilzed threee high and waists deep in cabins or whatever they can live in. Many of these come but once, we just do not get to call on them, too many. But they will be our permanant residents. They are our tomorrow's church. Unless we strike now while they are new and desire the church we will lose them permanently. Too, we just do not have room in this church to expand as we should. The building is far too inadequate. I suggested a few things to help, but was Molontofed (vetoed) where I should have had help. The GIs are a big part of both morning and evening. I have them to help me much. I think they are doing better now to help the civilian young people than ever before I think the boys are a fine lot, and the work going well. Thanks for letter. Wish you were here.

Rev. B.J. Bingle

In July 1946 wrote Dr. J. to take matters up with Dr. Bingle in New York. We sent memo of June 7, 1946 to Dr. Bingle in New York. X.

Where is my New Projector??  
What do you know about Harry, when is he to return?  
B.B.



December 3, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Bert J. Bingle  
Box 1026  
College, Alaska

Dear Bert:

Thanks for the news of developments from Anchorage toward Big Delta and the information about the location of the papers in regard to the Fairbanks Church. We shall try to look after the papers as soon as they arrive here at the office.

We have written to the Van Wert Church about assisting in the purchase of a motion picture sound projector for you but have heard nothing from them. We have written again. Originally War Time Service Funds promised this but we may be just a little bit embarrassed about asking them for the money now when they are closing down rather than enlarging their program. We have just heard from Dr. Thorne that it may be possible to purchase one at a terrific cost of something over \$500. less 10%. We are hoping to get a report of yes or no from the Van Wert Church and then see what we can do with War Time Service.

Harry is due in Sacramento, Calif. in care of Mrs. Raymond Harris, 2723 N Street, Sacramento, Calif. about December 1st. He has asked that we have a travel check there for him so that he can turn his face northward. He plans to drive as much of the way as possible with the family, but if conditions get too tough he may have to send the family on ahead by bus or plane while he gets the car up there. They are expecting to be in Fairbanks by Christmas or before.

Your letter about so many people indicates the great need we have of house to house calling in connection with our church program in Fairbanks. When people are coming and going so rapidly it means a lot of activity and things to take care of but we cannot build a solid congregation without this home calling. Say what you will people like attention.

You will be interested to know that we have a Sub-Committee studying Alaska for the Board. We shall present to them the needs